



October is *Breast Cancer* awareness month

Council plan to extend 'CAT' plan to sports clubs - see full story on page 7

Ensign marks RAF100 in town



The RAF Ensign was raised in Bridgend to mark the centenary the formation of the world's first independent air force. Read more on page 7. Picture by Flying Officer Martin Wade, No 614 (County of Glamorgan) Sqn RAuxAF.

Police appeal after robbery in Kenfig

DETECTIVES investigating a robbery in Kenfig Hill are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

South Wales Police is investigating a robbery which took place at a property in Pysgaw Street, Kenfig Hill, on Saturday, September 22, at around 9.45pm.

Three men forced their way into an address and pushed the victim to the floor causing minor injuries.

All three suspects were dressed in dark clothing and are said to have local accents.

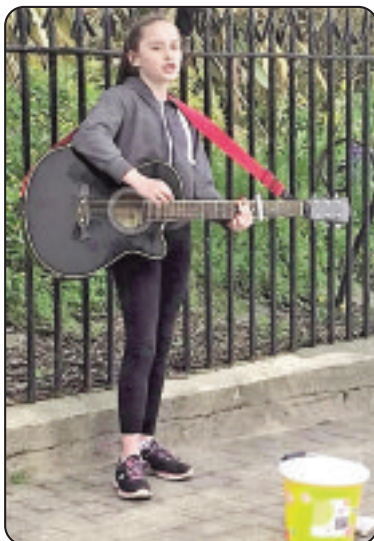
Items taken include a wallet, a bank card and keys.

The suspects are believed to have left the scene on foot.

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said: "If you saw three men acting suspiciously in the area around the time of the robbery or have any information which could assist officers, then please give us a call."

"Call us on 101 quoting reference 1800362347 or alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Taya is hitting the right notes for Children in Need



A PORTHCAWL Comprehensive pupil has raised over £1,000 for this year's Children in Need Appeal.

The annual telethon takes place in November each year but Taya Beechey (12), who lives in North

Cornelly, decided to start fundraising early.

Her grandmother Linda Harvey told The GEM: "Taya has been singing with her guitar at different locations. She has set herself a target of £2,000 and is currently at £1,124.18."

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BCBC mulls making more 'hard decisions'.
See page 9 for the story.



Left to right: Phil John; Christopher Davies (chairman); Ted Williamson; Ollie and Nicola Shearan.

Ollie gets a helping hand from Caerau Men's Shed group

DURING the weekly meetings of Caerau Men's Shed the 'Shedders' make contributions to the Shed's 'Old Gits Box' and have so far raised almost £1,000 which has been used to support local causes.

At their weekly Friday meeting the Shedders met seven-year-old Ollie Shearan and his family. Nicola, Ollie's mum, explained that when Ollie was three, he was taken extremely ill with a life threatening stroke and was rushed to Cardiff University hospital and spent three months there.

Then, he was transferred to the London-based Children's Trust hospital for intensive care for another three months.

Ollie was able to return home after more treatment, but he was still very ill and needed constant support.

He is now seven years old and has returned to mainstream school at Caerau Primary, but continues to have speech therapy, external from the NHS, which is extremely expensive.

Nicola thanked Shed's 'Old Gits Box' for the support of £150 which shall go to help continue the therapy.

Whilst Nicola was speaking, Ollie was around meeting all the Shedders with his infectious smile and everyone got 'High Fives'. He enjoyed having a buffet lunch with his family and new Men Shed friends, and even joined his brother Cody on the piano.

Just before Ollie and his family left...he took his time to say a wonderful thank you to the Caerau Men's Shed by beaming out his smile and newly-developed 'wink'.

All the Shedders responded by saying "Thanks Ollie - keep on smiling and winking".

Public toilet closure is pooh-poohed by local AM

CAROLINE Jones, Assembly Member for South Wales West has hit out at the council's proposals to close public lavatories in Porthcawl.

Ms Jones, who recently resigned from

UKIP and is now an independent, said that the proposals are "...not only a risk to public health, but also a danger to Porthcawl's tourism economy".

She said: "Public toilets are a vital lifeline for the frail and the elderly, people with

long-term health conditions, children and pregnant women.

Without them many people are unable to leave their homes."

"The fact that the council wishes to close the public toilets in Porthcawl is a worrying development which will

prevent many people from visiting to the town centre.

"Porthcawl is dependent on visitors and any barrier is an additional worry for our tourist trade.

"I fought the Welsh Government's plans to weaken protections on public toilets and what is happening in Porthcawl is just the sort of thing that I was worried about.

"I urge BCBC to find other ways of saving money, these public toilets are an essential service and should be protected."

PACT meetings in your area

LLANGEINOR PACT public meeting at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor on Wednesday, September 26 at 5.30pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, October 1 at 7pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, October 4 at 2pm.

Nantymoel/Ogmore Vale PACT at Dinam Close on Monday, October 15 at 6.30pm.

Pyle/Cefn Cribwr/Cornelly PACT at Pyle Life Centre on Thursday, October 18 at 6.30pm.

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'No such thing as a decent Brexit' says former MP

NOTICED in his letter to The GEM

(September 20), supposedly describing the People's Vote meeting in the Sony Theatre at Bridgend College, Ian Williams referred to "the great unwashed who had the temerity not to vote as they were told".

These words, or nothing like them, were used.

I can only imagine Ian Williams used them as a way of inferring that those supporting a second referendum had no respect for those who voted to leave.

It looks as though he adopted this abusive approach to us -

"hypocrites... who are doing very nicely thank you" - because he had no argument to put against the campaign for a second referendum.

We believe that it is people on low wages, benefits and working in exporting industries, in particular, who will be worse hit by any Brexit deal.

We want all voters to decide whether any deal or even no deal is better than staying in the EU.

Brexiters like Jacob Rees-Mogg, Boris Johnson, John Redwood and Nigel Farage will not feel the pinch if Brexit happened.

Indeed, Mr Rees-Mogg has already moved one of the investment funds he is involved with to Dublin to avoid the adverse effects of Brexit.

Major exporters like Airbus, BMW and

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) have warned of the dangers of Brexit. JLR have already put their workers on a three-day-week (thankfully on full pay) and BMW have brought forward their annual maintenance shutdown to April, in the hope of minimising the Brexit problems they feel will be there from the end of March.

Even worse for Wales, Chancellor Philip Hammond, in a recent visit here, has already said he cannot guarantee that EU provided funding will be maintained after Brexit, because he feared its adverse impact on the economy and

Government revenue.

Finally, Mr Williams' clarification call for Brexiters to "hold out for a decent Brexit" is meaningless.

What is a decent Brexit? There is no such thing.

Any Brexit is a bad deal for the British people, and for Wales in particular, as its farming and manufacturing base is more reliant on EU markets than the rest of the UK.

The People's Vote campaign wants to avoid the damage it will do to people who can least afford the whims of the well off Jacob Rees-Mogg and company.

Win Griffiths OBE

A public inconvenience

BBC must be very proud of itself, saying that they are going to close John Street toilets.

It must realise the number of residents that live in and around the town, let alone the thousands of visitors that visit every year.

We are only days away from the Elvis Festival and residents know how many people arrive for the long weekend to enjoy themselves.

BCBC expects

businesses to open their doors to hordes of people to use 'their' toilets and expect them to clean up after them. What about the extra expense for these shops? Who pays for that?

John Street public convenience is central to the town and is used by a great number of people, old and young.

I hope that BCBC will not start complaining when people get caught short in town and do the obvious thing because they can't get to a toilet.

Gordon Ezra, Porthcawl.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 04)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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28 Fri	09.09	9.8	21.28	9.8
29 Sat	09.43	9.6	22.03	9.5
30 Sun	10.19	9.5	22.44	9.3
01 Mon	10.59	9.0	23.32	8.8
02 Tues	11.57	8.5		
03 Wed	00.36	8.2	13.14	8.1
04 Thur	01.58	7.8	14.47	8.0

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Jade is 'thrilled' as she begins to walk

A BRIDGEND College student is looking forward to a different future now that she can walk for the first time.

Jade Owen (20), who has cerebral palsy, went to America in July for ground-breaking surgery and it has transformed her life.

The cost of going to America was £54,000, but she was helped by an anonymous donation of £37,000.

"The donation was quite a shock; it felt like a dream," Jade said.

Jade wasn't eligible for treatment on the NHS because of her age and

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the fact that to have 'selective' dorsal rhizotomy' (SDR) in the UK, there are strictly defined criteria.

Jade underwent SDR surgery and two other operations for cerebral palsy at a hospital in St Louis, Missouri.

"I underwent the SDR on July 27, and Dr Park said it was a big success.

When he assessed me on the treadmill, he was

amazed by my progress." Using a 'walker,' Jade can now walk with her parents providing assistance.

She said: "I'm achieving goals I hadn't thought possible and making enormous progress. My 'sitting' has hugely improved. In the past, I would slouch and need pillows everywhere. My brain is sending the right signals to the right muscles."

She has a daily regime of strength conditioning undertaken by her father Dave and twice a week, she has physiotherapy sessions with Rhianon Owen.

Jade says she owes a debt of thanks to Gordon Trigg and his late wife Christine, who did so much to help in fundraising and organising the trip to America.

Jade's improved mobility has opened up new horizons and her ambition is to one day work in television after completing her current course at Bridgend College.



Jade Owen
with
neurosurgeon
Dr TS Park.

Heritage centre survey concludes

A PARTNERSHIP project between the Garw Valley Railway and the Garw Heritage Society to establish a heritage centre in the Garw Valley has received support, consultants have stated.

Gareth Kiddie of regeneration company GKA said: "Some 216 people took part and the vast majority of these people are resident in the Valley or the wider Bridgend area. The location of the other respondents was not revealed, nor whether their

responses would be considered. The headline results suggest that there is support with 73.5 per cent (157 of 214 people) indicating that they thought the proposals were a 'good idea'."

Other results showed that the proposed design was 'generally liked' and that the suggested uses for the centre were 'broadly supported'.

The project partners have indicated that they will be looking at the individual responses in detail to see how the suggestions made can be factored into design of the project.

GKA

Volunteers needed for Poppy Appeal

LAST year, Bridgend town raised more than £60,000 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – and it is hoped to improve on that figure for this year.

The Poppy Appeal in Bridgend runs from the October 27 to November 11 and the Bridgend branch of the Royal British Legion is seeking volunteers who would be able to spare a morning or an afternoon to collect in supermarkets and retail premises around the area.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, email bridgendpoppyappeal@gmail.com.

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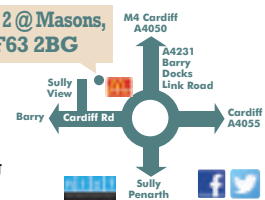
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BCBC mulls cutting all public bus subsidies

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is considering withdrawing all of the subsidies that it provides towards local bus services.

BCBC and Welsh Government support regional and local bus services by subsidising routes that, said a spokesperson, "...may not be commercially viable".

BCBC began the current financial year with a budget of £180,000 to put towards bus services and community transport, which was supplemented by a Welsh Government grant of £386,826.

Earlier this year, cabinet members agreed to cut the subsidy for six partly-funded bus routes around Bridgend. Since taking that decision in May, all but one of the six routes are continuing to operate commercially by the bus companies in some form, albeit with revised timetables that may involve less frequent services.

After monitoring the impact of removing those subsidies, cabinet members have agreed to support the removal of all remaining funding for supported bus services in the county borough from 2019/20 onwards to help, continued the spokesperson, "...the local authority meet future savings targets".

A full public consultation will now be held in the next few months so that local residents can have their say before the final decision is taken.

Cllr Richard Young, the council's cabinet member for communities, said: "Our recent experience demonstrates that the removal of subsidies will not necessarily mean that all routes will no longer be provided in some form."

"However, the decision to operate them in full or part would lie with the operators who may decide to stop running journeys that aren't deemed as being commercially viable."

"No-one wants to see money wasted on empty buses

making journeys that aren't in demand, but there are obviously many local residents who do rely on catching a bus to go about their daily lives."

"Before we make any final decision over withdrawing the subsidies we will hold a public consultation to gather local people's views and will also discuss the matter with the bus companies."

"We can then properly consider the implications arising from the possible removal of this funding."

Withdrawing all remaining subsidies would affect the following eight bus services:

Number 67 First Cymru service from Bridgend to Aberkenfig via Pen-y-Fai (Monday to Saturday).

Number 37 Easyway service from Maesteg Parc Estate (Daytime Monday to Saturday)

Number 73 First Cymru service from Bridgend to Blaengarw (Evenings Monday to Saturday)

Number 76 First Cymru service from Bridgend to Bettws, Vale View Diversion

(Monday to Saturday)

Number 51 Easyway service from Bridgend to Oaklands Road (Daytime Monday to Saturday)

Number 803 Travel Final service from Danygraig to Porthcawl (Monday to Saturday)

Number 61 Peyton Travel service from Nottage to Porthcawl (Circular) (Monday to Saturday)

Number 16 Easyway service from Bridgend to Blaengarw via Heol-y-Mynydd and Braich-y-Cymmer (Daytime Monday to Saturday)

The BCBC spokesperson said: "The borough council has saved £30 million in the last three years, but over the next three years will need to save £30m more to balance the books."

If you are likely to be affected by this proposal, or have any thoughts on the matter, please send your correspondence to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk



A day of fundraising at St Clare's School

STAFF and pupils from St Clare's School, Porthcawl made a tremendous effort to raise money for three cancer charities recently.

Boys and girls from the prep school, senior school and sixth form came to school in pink sportswear to run the Race for Life and fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support, Cancer Research UK, Cost of Cancer and Breast Cancer Awareness.

Visitors to the school may have been surprised to see quite so much pink

being worn in school but it was all for a good cause.

Much of the fundraising was co-ordinated by St Clare's sixth formers.

During the morning there were very popular cake sales. Staff and pupils all took part in 1K, 3K and 5K sponsored runs in glorious sunshine during the afternoon.

Well done to everyone who took part and for raising so much money for such worthwhile cancer charities. Thank you to all our lovely parents and families for sponsoring us so generously. **HF**

Pipe dream? Council CAT ramps up plans for Pencoed skatepark

PLANS to turn a tennis court into a £60,000 skatepark in Pencoed were agreed by cabinet members of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) on September 18).

The plans are part of a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) between the local authority and Pencoed Town Council.

The town council wants to take on a 35-year lease for two tennis courts at Pencoed Recreation Ground – one of which has already been converted into a 'multi-use games area'.

BCBC's CAT steering group approved the lease in October 2017 but the transfer needed to be authorised by cabinet members.

The plans prompted a number of objections with concerns over the loss of a "well-used" tennis court.

However, the town council argued

that the existing tennis court is dilapidated and potentially dangerous, with the fencing damaged and the net in a poor state.

It said the proposed site was the most suitable area at the recreation ground for a skateboard park because of potential noise nuisance to neighbours.

The town council, which received planning permission for the skatepark in April, has questioned the validity of the online and paper petitions submitted against the CAT plans, saying it was concerned many signatures were from people not living in Pencoed or indeed the county.

BCBC has allocated £20,000 to the total development cost of the skateboard park.

Liz Bradfield

Local democracy reporter

Which is the tallest of them all?



ON reading The GEM on September 13 regarding the tallest sunflower, my great-grandson Harvey-Lee Fenton who is seven years old and attends Tondy Primary, grew four sunflowers.

They range from (the smallest) 10' 5" to (the tallest) 13' 10" (GEM: At the time of going to press.). **Collin Roberts, Coytrahen.**

Call made to tackle 'overflowing' litter bin problem

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's two refuse bag limit for residents is – according to some councillors – leaving public litter bins overflowing, and they say people are taking their household rubbish into the street and parks to get rid of it.

The new system of rubbish collection, which came into force in June 2017 aimed to increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of rubbish taken to landfill sites.

The results show a huge success, with the county going from being the second worst in Wales for recycling to being the second best in under a year.

However, alongside new restrictions on household waste, there has been a rise in the amount of rubbish dumped in public bins instead.

Speaking at a council meeting scrutinising the effect of the waste contract that Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has with private firm Kier, Llangeinor ward councillor Roz Stirman said: "I'm concerned that because our residents can only use two blue bin bags every fortnight what they're actually doing is filling up all the litter bins on the lamp-posts, in the parks and everywhere else."

"How do we stop this?" The scrutiny committee chairman and Brackla ward councillor John Spanswick said: "I see it day in and day out with litter bins jam-packed in the streets and rubbish bagged up under them."

And Nottage ward councillor Norah Clarke said in Porthcawl there were also issues, particularly with the bins on Nottage Green, which is owned by the town council.

She said: "The bins there are

becoming full of household waste which obviously Porthcawl Town Council is having to empty."

"We have noted that people stop in their cars at a public bin and empty not only what they've got in their car but household waste as well."

"It's happening right across the county."

Council officers urged people to report the problems, saying enforcement teams were trying to identify the culprits and hand out fines.

The head of neighbourhood services, Zak Shell, said: "We will look to take action with enforcement teams where we can."

"In Maesteg last week a number of bags were found fly-tipped and we managed to find a number of different addresses where enforcement action has been taken."

"It is important we tackle this wherever we can and whenever we see it."

He added: "The positive aspect is that we haven't switched from being one of the worst recyclers in Wales to being one of the very best recyclers in Wales without, by and large, the vast majority of the public complying with the rules and actually switching their behaviour and recycling as we expect and want."

"There are instances where certain members of the public will try and find a way around the rules but it is fortunately the small minority, otherwise we wouldn't see the change in recycling rates that we have."

The overview and scrutiny committee meeting took place on Monday, September 17.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

It's a stretch for hospital staff

TWELVE staff from the emergency department at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend put their talents to the test at this year's Exercise Medical Stretch.

The challenge, run by 203 (Welsh) Field Hospital, brings together teams from all over NHS Wales for a series of tasks and challenges.

The weekend aims to

give the participants a chance to develop a range of skills, including teamwork, problem solving and leadership, which they can bring into the workplace. Several members of ABM University Health Board are members of the 203, and served on multiple tours of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nurse Mark Cadman said: "Although tough, the personal accomplishments made

the weekend worthwhile."

The activities were based around problem solving strategies and some physical activities including an assault course on the final day. The team also had to walk an average of 2km between the different activities.

"We were visited on the exercise out by our chief executive Tracy Myhill acting in her role as honorary colonel for 203," he added.

Guild members celebrate harvest

AT the last meeting of Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild, after the conclusion of business, they celebrated harvest.

Several members provided entertainment with readings and songs.

The committee have been busy organising the year ahead. On November 30, the Christmas Fayre takes place at Trinity Church Hall in aid of Porthcawl First Responders, who gave a presentation earlier in the year.

The meeting next month on October 10 is at 2pm in All Saints Church Hall, when there will be a craft afternoon arranged by Freda Rodger and her craft group; all welcome.

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Crematorium gets green accolade

COYCHURCH Crematorium has once again been successful in securing a Green Flag, recognising the standards of care and maintenance of the site and grounds.

The crematorium received its first award in 2010 and has been awarded it every year since.

The chairman of the Coychurch Crematorium joint committee and the bereavement services manager and registrar collected the Green Flag Award at a ceremony held in the Memorial

Hall in Barry on July 18. The submission for the award cost £350 and is met from Bridgend Borough Council's revenue budget.

The Green Flag Award is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales.

It was launched in 1996 to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country.

It is also seen as a way of encouraging organisations to achieve high environmental standards.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

'Social value' forum is launched

A NEW body, the 'Western Bay Social Value Forum' was launched recently at a conference at the Aberavon Beach Hotel.

The Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), alongside Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Councils for Voluntary Services coordinated the launch of the forum, which aims to bring people and organisations together to share information and develop ways of working.

Heidi Bennett of BAVO said: "We are mindful that the term wellbeing can mean different things to different people, so there is also a need to really listen and engage with people, and this is something we are all committed to doing through the Social Value Forum."

Social Value Forums are now a requirement under the Social Services

and Well Being Wales Act 2014.

The Welsh Government's Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care, Huw Irranca-Davies AM said: "I was very pleased to take part in the launch of the forum."

"This forum has an important role to play in supporting social value-based organisations to flourish and develop good practice. It also represents an opportunity for these valuable organisations to play a collective role in the strategic planning and delivery of social care services with statutory partners."

The forum will have a wide remit and is "open to all who share similar values".

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Bridgend Rotary president Hopkin Joseph with Mair ap Gruffydd.

Rotary club welcomes charity's Mair

MAIR ap Gruffydd spoke to the lunch meeting of Bridgend Rotary Club on September 17 about the 10 years of Mair's Walk.

She explained how after being successfully treated in 2006 for cancer, she wanted to contribute towards cancer research to help others.

With a few friends she arranged an informal fundraising walk in 2007 from the recreation centre in Bridgend through Newbridge Fields to Merthyr Mawr and across the stepping stones to finish at the Pelican Inn; they were all astonished when over 500 turned up.

An active and supportive committee

was formed, under the chairmanship of Derek King, and a further nine annual walks were organised ending up at a marquee in a field alongside Ogmere Castle.

Each year the walks were led by celebrities (Max Boyce on two occasions) with great support from many others such as Bridgend Male Voice Choir, other sponsors, and a large number of helpers.

Mair recounted several of the happy and amusing incidents. The last walk attracted nearly 2,000 walkers, and over the years well over £200,000 had been raised for cancer research.

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Kenfig cadets join the Neath Battle of Britain parade



Cdt Cpl Griffiths, Cdt Cpl Parisi, Cdt Flt Sgt Willoughby, Cdt Cpl Russell and ISCWO Morris. (Photo supplied by Mrs A Griffiths.)

ON September 23 the annual RAFA Battle of Britain Parade took place in Neath.

Cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets joined other cadets from No3 and No1 Welsh Wing to parade through Neath town centre, headed by a combined band of 334 (Neath) Squadron and 215 (City of Swansea) Squadron.

The parade was well attended with approximately

170 cadets and 40 staff from both Wings.

Cadets taking part from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron were Instructor Staff Cadet Warrant Officer Jack Morris who paraded the squadron banner along with other squadrons. Cadet Flight Sergeant Charlotte Willoughby, Cadet Corporal Alessia Parisi, Cadet Corporal Morgan Griffiths, Cadet Corporal Luke Russell and (not shown in the photo) Cadet Sian King also took part.

New education chief at council

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (CBCB) has appointed a permanent director of education.

Lindsay Harvey who had been the interim education director at the local authority since early 2017 has been appointed to the position.

At a full council meeting on Wednesday, September 19, council leader Huw David congratulated Mr Harvey on his appointment.

In addition to taking responsibility for education and

schools across the county, the role also includes developing the council's early help services, and integrating these with children's social care.

Bridgend council's previous director Deborah McMillan left for a secondment with the Welsh Government in early 2017, advising the cabinet secretary on education matters.

She has since been appointed as the children's commissioner for Jersey.

At a full council meeting in July, the chief executive of

Bridgend council, Darren Mephram, told councillors the local authority was looking at developing a combined education service with Merthyr Tydfil council.

He said should a business case be agreed, the combined education service would be developed but the new appointment was a Bridgend appointment.

Before joining CBCB, Mr Harvey was the chief education officer at Swansea council.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

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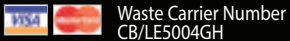
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COSMOLOGY CORNER

'It's elementary, my dear Higgs...'

OVER the last few months, the birthdays of several renowned scientists and cosmologists have provided inspiration for Cosmology Corner.

Well, here's another birthday, but this time it's not a person's, but that of the largest and most complex machine ever created.

It is now 10 years since the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) began its operations. The LHC is the world's largest particle accelerator – a circular behemoth with a 17-mile circumference, buried 100 metres deep under the French and Swiss countryside.

In the early days of atomic physics, it was believed that matter consisted of individual atoms made up of just three fundamental particles – a nucleus of neutrons and positively charged protons, surrounded by an orbiting shell of negatively charged (and much lighter) electrons. The heavier particles, the protons and neutrons, are collectively known as hadrons.

On September 10, 2008, the protons, the nucleus of hydrogen atoms, were first circulated around the LHC accelerator. The excitement was short lived, however, because just 12 days later, a serious incident occurred which damaged more than 50 of the LHC's 6000 magnets responsible for keeping the proton beam on its circular path. Repairs took more than a year and, after an additional delay to await the end of the winter season when French electricity prices are at their highest, the LHC began operations again in March, 2010.

The LHC accelerates twin beams of protons to almost light speed in opposite directions around the 17 mile ring before bringing them together and colliding them inside massive detectors built in underground caverns.

By studying the debris created by these collisions, the LHC aims to increase our understanding of the most basic building blocks of our universe.

The most famous discovery of the LHC



Peter Higgs as photographed by Bengt Nyman.

was the discovery of the long-sought Higgs boson on July 4, 2012. The Higgs boson was the last remaining piece of what scientists call the Standard Model of Particle Physics – an incredibly well-tested theory which predicts that there are 17 elementary particles even smaller than protons and neutrons.

Up until 2012, the only particle predicted by the model which had not been experimentally verified was the Higgs boson. Its 'God particle' nickname grew out of the long, drawn-out struggles of physicists to find this elusive piece of

the cosmic puzzle and the importance of its theorised effect on matter in general.

In simple terms, different subatomic particles are responsible for giving matter different properties. One of the most mysterious and important properties is mass. Some particles, like protons, neutrons and electrons, have mass. Others, like photons, do not. The Higgs boson, or 'God particle', is believed to be the particle which gives mass to matter.

In 2013, just one year after its experimental discovery in the LHC, two members of the scientific team (including its leader, Peter Higgs) which in 1964 predicted the existence of the Higgs boson, were awarded the Nobel prize.

Confirmation of the Higgs boson was a major milestone in our understanding of physics, but LHC operations are planned to continue until at least 2035, so what is its next goal?

Dark matter remains one of the most puzzling mysteries in our current understanding of cosmology. Future experiments at the LHC and other high-energy physics colliders are designed to look for dark matter signatures and shed light into its nature and determine its properties.

Sounds like subject 'matter' for the next Cosmology Corner?

Norman Lloyd

Bridgend girl 'owns the stage' at The Assembly



LEFT: Charlotte Vaughan and Carwyn Jones AM.

COURTESY of Wales' very own rising star, Charlotte Vaughan, a little West End magic was sprinkled at the Welsh Assembly last week.

After hearing the soprano and actress sing at a local concert hosted by Bridgend Male Choir last year, Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones invited Ms Vaughan to perform a lunchtime concert at the Welsh Assembly.

Charlotte Vaughan has been building up an impressive portfolio performing in London and across the UK. Some of the roles she has played to date include Alice in *Closer*, Fosca in *Passion*, Sarah Jane Moore in *Assassins* and Nettie in *Carousel*. She has also had the opportunity to play the role of Carlotta in *The Phantom of the Opera* at

Her Majesty's Theatre in London.

During the concert in the Pierhead Building, Ms Vaughan sang a number of songs and talked about her journey from performing in local concerts and her time in the Bridgend Youth Theatre through to starring in leading roles at the West End.

Mr Jones said: "Charlotte has a beautiful voice. Her vocal range is incredible – what an amazing talent. I thoroughly enjoyed her performance and did not want it to end."

"There was something for everyone in the performance with songs from well-known musicals through to opera."

"She is certainly an inspiration for young musicians of the future and I wish her every success in her future endeavours."

Quiz League starts new season

THE new season for Bridgend Quiz League starts on Monday, October 1 with the following fixtures.

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Oddfellows Arms v Cabo Roche;
Six Bells Clangers v Five Bells B;
Laleston Inn B v Chatterton Shunters;
Prince of Wales Coychurch v Pheasant Keepers.

Here are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. In which year was the Football League founded?
2. The Jordannaires were which world famous singer's backing group?
3. In motoring, what is 'SORN'?

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RESPOND BY: 11/10/2018
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1980
AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING
P18/261/18 Repair, alteration and extension of Maesteg Town Hall to include internal alterations, essential fabric repairs, the creation of a new built extension to provide a new foyer and studio theatre alongside the existing performance space and a new community learning space within the existing lower ground floor—Maesteg Town Hall Talbot Street Maesteg by Bridgend County Borough Council
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Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfnewydd Corfforaethol
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Council to extend 'CAT' plan to sports clubs

DESPITE being embroiled in a furious row with Porthcawl Town Council (PTC) over the issue of Community Asset Transfers (CATs), Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is aiming to continue offering the option to sports clubs.

PTC agreed to take on a toilet block at Griffin Park, Porthcawl, as part of a CAT deal, but now says that the building was in a very poor condition, and will need to be rebuilt at a cost of £78,000.

Porthcawl councillors' anger at this deal was a major factor in the row that broke out last week over the future of the Victorian toilets in John Street, with PTC claiming that BCBC were threatening to close them if PTC did not take them over via a CAT.

PTC went public with an angry press release, while Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said he was disappointed at the council's decision to "politicise" the debate.

Now, sports clubs in Bridgend are being asked to come forward and take responsibility for outdoor sports fields and pavilions in the county because BCBC can no longer afford to run

them. BCBC Leader Cllr Huw David has suggested that profitable sports governing bodies such as the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) should be asked to contribute.

A public consultation on the sports club plans will start soon, and the clubs could either have to pay four or five times more to use the facilities – or take charge of them through a community asset transfer (CAT).

This means various clubs and organisations would then have responsibility for running and maintaining the facilities.

Across the county there are dozens of playing fields, recreation grounds and pavilions.

The council says the charges currently applied on outdoor playing fields only make up 20 to 25 per cent of what it actually costs to provide and maintain the facilities.

At a cabinet meeting on September 18, Cllr Richard Young said: "This is something austerity has forced on us."

"We are dealing with something very emotive, a lot of people play sport and there's a perception in the community at large that the council should be providing these facilities."

"The reality is we are supporting these activities up to a level of 80 per cent."

"At this point in time that's completely

unsustainable and we are looking at full cost recovery."

He added: "We are in a position where facilities are deteriorating and the requirement of savings we have to make will not allow us to reverse the amount of deterioration that has taken place, or even such as will take place in the future."

"We do understand the value that people place on these facilities – that's why we are looking for assistance to keep these facilities in the public domain, that's why we are looking at CAT."

BCBC Communities director Mark Shephard warned councillors if the local authority did nothing, the facilities would likely have to close themselves due to health and safety needs or a lack of investment.

He said: "We have been trying to promote CAT for the last two or three years."

"We have had a significant amount of interest but it has been quite difficult to actually get it across the line – one of the main reasons is it's a disincentive when we continue to offer subsidies of the kind we are."

"Understandably clubs say 'why would we take it up when the council continues to pay most of the maintenance and costs'."

He told councillors the local authority might also have to look at children's play areas in the county –

transferring them as assets to town and community councils or closing them down to make savings.

He said: "We are going out with a conceptual consultation. 'We haven't got all the details for example, we need to carry out condition surveys on all the pavilions."

"The consultation exercise is intended to offer the opportunity to comment on and shape the council's proposals, including allowing the opportunity for other alternative proposals that would create the same level of required savings to come forward."

The communities directorate has to find £500,000 savings over the next couple of years.

BCBC Leader Cllr Huw David suggested national sport governing bodies had a role to play in supporting grass roots sports, being in a "much better financial position" than the local authority.

He said: "I have seen the public accounts for Welsh Rugby Union and they have posted significant profits in last few years."

"I believe The Football Association of Wales is also in a very healthy financial situation."

He said buildings would not be transferred over that were not fit for purpose, adding: "I hope the people of Bridgend will understand this is not something we want to do,

it's a proposal we have considered before many times over the years and we have been able to find alternative savings."

"We are now in a position where we've run out of alternative efficiency savings and we have to make savings like this, charging significantly more or transferring facilities over."

"It's an approach adopted by Neath Port Talbot, Carmarthenshire and the Vale of Glamorgan as the same challenges are faced across Wales."

"We encourage clubs to come forward and work with us as partners."

Increased charges are likely to take place from April 2020 with the idea that CAT transfers take place by interested groups before then.

**GEM staff/
Liz Bradfield
Local democracy
reporter**



Porthcawl Lions vice president Joan Cosson presenting a cheque for £2,000 to the chair of Porthcawl Rugby Club, Cliff Hopkins.

Lions' thank you to Porthcawl RFC

PORHCRAWL Lions Club recently presented £2,000 to Porthcawl RFC.

The cash was a 'thank you' to the club for its co-operation in putting on the regular car boot sales on Sunday mornings during the summer.

The presentation took place at the Hi-Tide Inn during the rugby club's championship dinner, where Sam Warburton was the star guest.

Lions vice-president Joan Cosson presented a cheque to Cliff Hopkin, the club's chairman.

Porthcawl Lions are pleased to announce that their Christmas Grotto will open this year on Saturday, December 1 when as usual Father Christmas will be present. The grotto will take place every Saturday up until December 22.

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Tributes paid to singer Rob



TRIBUTES have been paid to local entertainer Rob Barbour who died last week, writes a GEM reporter.

Fellow singer and friend Aubrey Parsons told The GEM that Rob, who lived in Barry, was a special person with a

special talent.

"He was a true gent who always gave 110 per cent at his gigs and our thoughts are with Sue and the family."

"Rob was also known as Sebastian and was one half of the 'Silver Surfers'. We are all sad beyond belief at the news."

Aubrey said Rob used to run The Highwayman in Rhosce in the early 2000s.

"I used to sing there. After closing time he'd go and get his guitar and sing songs. I said: 'You should be out on the circuit'. That's what he did, and he was really good at it. He had a fantastic soul voice."

Rob performed a lot in Barry and across south Wales.

Aubrey said: "He was a real gent, a real joker, always smiling; he always had a chuckle."

"He was a lovely guy who will be sorely missed."

Nailed It Events, Rob's promoters, said on Facebook last week: "We regret to announce that our good friend, musician and singer left us for the great gig in the sky yesterday."

People were quick to express their sadness at the news. One person commented: "Top entertainer, top guy he will be sorely missed... good night, God bless."

Another person added: "Words always fail me at times like this, but condolences to all Rob's family... he was a true gent indeed."

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mark the 100 years
since the formation
of the world's first
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force.

The flag-raising at the offices of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) means all of Wales' 22 local authorities have honoured the RAF to celebrate the service's centenary.

The event was attended by Air Officer Wales Air Commodore Adrian Williams, RAF personnel from MoD St Athan and Number 614 (County of Glamorgan) Squadron, as well as invited guests.

The most senior RAF officer in Wales, Air Cdre Williams said: "There are many Welsh connections to the RAF. "It was a Welshman.



Photograph by Flying Officer Martin Wade, No 614
County of Glamorgan) San RAuxAF.

David Lloyd George, who as Prime Minister ensured the RAF was created 100 years ago. There are links to Bridgend too, with RAF Stormy Down playing a vital role in the Second World War. There 15,000 aircrew were trained for Bomber Command.

"Raising the Ensign is very important for us today to highlight those links and to thank the people of Bridgend for their support over the years."

Taya does her bit for charity

CONTINUED
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Linda continued:
"She has done a handful
of sessions in John
Street, Porthcawl and
also in Tenby high street
during her summer
holiday this year.

"She has been asked to play at other events such as the Cornelly Christmas and summer fetes, the RNLI Santa rescue, and played for a bride to walk down the aisle.

"A supermarket allowed her to play in the store just before Christmas last year, and she's hoping that they will grant her another session to help her to reach her target before November."

In the past, Taya has raised funds for a number of causes including for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan by narrating her favourite stories in John Street, Porthcawl, and having her hair cut for the The Little Princess Trust, which makes wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer.

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'More hard decisions ahead' warns BCBC

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is warning residents to expect some difficult choices and major reductions in services as it launches its 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' budget consultation for 2019-20.

The consultation, which will run from September 24 to November 18, arrives amid concerns that the authority will need to cover a £10m shortfall in the amount of funding it receives to provide essential services throughout the coming year for 142,000 people.

The authority says it has already saved more than £30m through measures such as streamlining its senior management structure, reducing council staff by more than 400, transferring specific services to partners such as Awen Cultural Trust, and making reductions in areas such as public conveniences and street cleansing.

But with a further £35m shortfall predicted within the next few years, the council says it is now being forced to consider reducing or withdrawing services that it has previously worked hard to protect.

Out of a total current annual budget of £266m, the authority is spending £89m on schools, £22m on services for disabled people, £20m on care for older people, £18m on social services for children, £3.5m on sports and recreation, £9.5m on recycling and waste, and much more.

Shaping Bridgend's Future is asking residents to look at how much the council spends on specific services, and to highlight what they think could be changed, what should be protected, and what could be withdrawn.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The consultation is also designed to make people aware of just how serious the situation is, and what the effect of inevitable budget cuts may be – for example, a four-year one per cent budget reduction in the £89m that the council currently spends on schools

would result in a saving of £3.5m, but could result in less teaching staff for schools.

"Closing Bridgend bus station would save £89,000, but passengers would have to access bus bays by walking around the building, and would not be able to use any of its waiting room facilities. Likewise, while reducing the number of day centres in the county borough would save £280,000, it would also remove well-used facilities from older people and people with learning disabilities.

"The consultation also asks people to consider what level of increase should be imposed for the year ahead. Council tax accounts for just 28 per cent or £74m of the total budget, and a rise of 4.9 per cent would mean that the average household would pay £1.31 extra a week and generate an additional £3.6m for services."

Council Leader Huw David said: "National austerity measures have been in place for a number of years now, and councils have been struggling throughout this process to protect services using increasingly reduced resources.

"This can only be sustained for so long before it has an effect on the most essential public services, and the reality of the matter is that we have now reached that point.

"In 2018-19, providing public services for 142,000 residents is costing almost £266m. While Welsh Government does not yet know how much money central Government at Westminster will provide so that it can be distributed to councils for 2019-20, we believe that a £10m local shortfall is likely.

"At the same time, the number of vulnerable adults and children that we support is increasing, and we also don't know whether things like teacher pay increases are going to be funded nationally. If they are not, schools may need to account for this additional cost as well.

"The next few years are going to be among the most challenging that this council has ever faced, and more hard decisions lie ahead. While we do

not want to cut important services, we also have to deliver a balanced budget, and there is no way we can do this without making significant reductions.

"By participating in this budget consultation, you can tell us which services are important to you and where potential savings could be made. Your feedback, opinions and responses are a valuable part of this process, so please – help us to shape the future of Bridgend county borough."

Deputy Leader Hywel Williams added: "We want as many residents of Bridgend county borough as possible to take part in the consultation, and for people of all ages and backgrounds to be able to have their say and help us to make informed decisions.

"To support this, Shaping Bridgend's Future is available in a variety of different formats, including standard, easy-to-read, youth and large print editions. You can complete this at the council website or at any library in the county borough.

"A number of public engagement stands will be available, and we will be carrying out a series of workshops with school children as well as meeting with local groups and organisations.

"Whether you take part by visiting one of the

public engagement stands, completing a survey or by joining in the conversation on our planned social media debate, don't miss your chance to have your say and help us shape the budget for 2019-20."

The public engagement stands will be available on the following dates:

September
Friday 28, 9:30am - Pyle Library.

October
Monday 1, 9:30am – Bridgend Library.
Friday 12, 9:30am – Maesteg Library.
Monday 22, 9:30am – Aberkenfig Library.
Tuesday 23, 9:30am – Y Llynfi.
Thursday 25, 9:30am – Pontycymer Library.
Monday 29, 9:30am – Porthcawl Library.
Wednesday 31, 10am – Ogmore Vale Life Centre.

The consultation surveys can be found at www.bridgend.gov.uk/future, and residents can request hard copies by visiting libraries, emailing consultation@bridgend.gov.uk or calling 01656 643664. Alternative formats are available on request – the deadline for returning all completed consultation surveys is November 18.

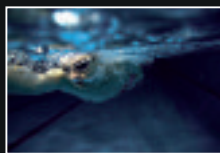
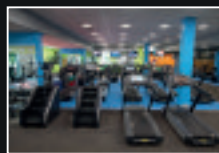


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Nick's labour of loves marks the end of an era

A LOCAL railway enthusiast has produced a book providing a photographic record of Arriva Trains Wales which includes more than 180 images taken over 15 years.

Nick Wilcock (39), who lives in Cowbridge, was approached by Amberley Publishing who asked whether he was interested in the project. Once he accepted, it led to six months of hard work selecting which images to feature and preparing the text.

Arriva Trains Wales was formed in 2003 and was awarded the 15-year franchise to run the majority of services in Wales, with some of its operations also extending over the border into England. The franchise ends in October 2018 with KeolisAmey taking over.

Nick's book covers the whole of the franchise period.

His love of railways was encouraged from an early age by his father Mike and over three decades he has accumulated a vast archive running into "tens

of thousands of photos."

Nick explained: "Amberley Publishing had seen my photos on Flickr.com and asked me whether I was interested in putting a book together.

"I have completed a brief history of Arriva and its rolling stock and where they operate. There are also over 180 photographs in the book. With the explanatory captions, I've tried to include a bit of history relating to the photo.

"It involved a lot of hard work. I started on the book in October last year and finished it on April 1 this year."

Arriva Trains Wales was officially published on September 15 and is available from Amazon, from the Cowbridge Bookshop, and from Amberley Publishing.

Many of the photos were taken on the south Wales main line, but include images of trains along the 'turn-offs' such as the valley lines too.

Nick says the book will appeal to dedicated rail enthusiasts and those interested in local railways.

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Nick Wilcock with his book on Welsh railways.

Conker Walk for cancer research

ON Sunday, October 7, Breast Cancer Now Cardiff and Vale is organising its fourth annual 'Conker Walk' to raise funds for research.

The walk will take place in Porthkerry Park, Barry with registration at 1.30pm at the education centre, near the cafe. Registration costs £5 for adults and £3 for five to 16-year-olds. The walk is non-competitive with the opportunity to chat and take in the beautiful scenery.

Refreshments will be available for all finishers and a craft stall is planned. Games and activities for the children

are planned, all involving conkers of course.

The walk takes the form of a 2K or 5k route. We advise walkers to wear suitable footwear.

Walkers are encouraged to deck the conker tree with pink ribbons as they pass. In past years, pushchairs and wheelchairs have taken part but dog walkers are asked to keep their pets on a lead.

The walk will start at around 2pm and marshals will be on the routes to direct walkers.

More information on the charity can be found at

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Regular eye tests more vital than ever with ageing workforce

WITH an ageing population and record number of older people in work, Specsavers and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) are reminding people of the importance of regular eye tests to maintain and protect their sight.

There are now more than 1.2 million Brits aged over 65 working as people continue to live longer and healthier lives. Yet research* has revealed that 250 people start losing their sight every day even though at least half of all sight loss is avoidable. Early detection is vital in the management and successful treatment of many conditions, with regular eye tests being key. But despite that, one in four people are not having an eye test every two years as recommended.

Hairy Bikers star Dave Myers has teamed up with Specsavers and RNIB this National Eye Health Week (24-30 September) to help raise awareness of the importance of eye tests. The 61-year-old was diagnosed with glaucoma seven years ago following a routine visit to the opticians. It could have affected his career, but swift detection has protected the chef's sight by enabling him to successfully manage the condition with daily eye drops.

'I was shocked because I had no symptoms, but if it had gone unnoticed, I could have gone blind. Like so many people, my career is my passion and it's so hard to imagine doing all the things I love if I couldn't see.'

RNIB interim CEO Eliot Lyne added:



'Research shows that the older you are, the greater your chances of developing an eye condition, so it is very important that people book themselves in for an eye test every two years.

'With the right support, people with sight loss can continue working, and if you are an employer, RNIB and other organisations can help you to properly support a member of staff who is losing their sight.

'Advances in technology mean that blind and partially sighted people can now overcome many of the barriers to work that they faced in the past, and government schemes like Access to Work mean that many of the costs can be met.'

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* YouGov Survey commissioned by Specsavers and RNIB 23rd June - 7th July 2017 of 6,430 UK adults aged 18+.



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ONS suicide statistics shine a light on Vale and Bridgend

THE suicide rate in Bridgend and the Vale has risen slightly over the last three years, new figures show, bucking the trend of lower rates across the country.

The mental health charity Samaritans welcomed the national decrease in suicides, but said that "one death by suicide is still one too many".

Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that there were 54 suicides in Bridgend county borough between 2015 and 2017, at a rate of 14.4 deaths per 100,000 people.

In the Vale, there were 50 suicides over the same period, a rate of 14.7 deaths per 100,000.

Local rates are measured over a three-year period. Between 2012 and 2014 in Bridgend county borough, there were 13.9 suicides registered per 100,000 people.

In the Vale between 2012 and 2014, there were 12.2 suicides registered per 100,000 people.

Looking at the three-year periods, both Bridgend and the Vale are higher than Wales as a whole, where 12.7 suicides were registered per 100,000 people.

There was a spike in the figures last year in Bridgend (2017), where there were 21 suicides, 10 more than in 2016.

Across the UK, of 5,821 suicides registered last year, 4,382 were men, a rate of 15.5 deaths per 100,000 men.

However, the male suicide rate was

at its lowest level on record in 2017.

Overall, there were 10.1 suicides per 100,000 people in the UK last year.

Samaritans said efforts to reduce stigma around male mental health may have contributed to the reduction, but added that men are still three times more likely to take their own lives than women.

Ruth Sutherland, the charity's chief executive, said: "It's encouraging to see the reduction in male suicide."

"We believe that the focus of suicide prevention in recent years to tackle the higher rates in men has contributed to this."

"Added to this, reducing stigma around men's mental health and encouraging men to open up and ask for help when they are struggling has been beneficial."

"But one death by suicide is still one too many. Suicide is complex and it's a problem of inequality. It affects the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society, male and female, disproportionately."

"This is an urgent public health issue, not simply a health or mental health one."

The statistics include all deaths from intentional self-harm for people over the age of 10 and deaths where the intent was undetermined for those aged over 15 years.

Samaritans can be contacted on 116 123, or via email at jo@samaritans.org.

Joseph Hook,
data reporter



Tirlarl WI were the winners of the GFWI quiz.

Quiz time for WI federation

THE Hi Tide in Porthcawl was the venue recently for the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes annual quiz.

Thirty-three teams from WIs all over the federation took part and competition was keen.

Some tough questions were set by Claire Atherton and Jane Exell, with June Humphry and Ann Davies, federation chairman, markers and scorers for the night.

Scores were close at the top end but the winners for the second year running were the ladies from Tirlarl WI.

Ann Davies congratulated the team and presented the trophy, commenting that members might need to watch more quiz programmes before next year to be in with a chance!

Despite the fierce rivalry, everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable evening and great fun.

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No MV Balmoral in 2019

MV BALMORAL Fund Limited, the charity which owns MV Balmoral, has announced that what a spokesperson termed "insufficient progress" has been made for the ship to return to seagoing service in

time for the 2019 season. The spokesperson said: "Balmoral requires a £3 million upgrade before she can sail again, and delays in confirming summer and winter berthing arrangements have meant that community and educational activities around the ship, which are vital precursors for fundraising, have not been able to start."

News from the NFU Ladies group

THE NFU Ladies enjoyed a wonderful demonstration by Gayney Jones of Margam WI of her quilting and she kept the group in stitches!

Enid Evans gave the vote of thanks and Mary Brown won the raffle.

The NFU harvest festival is in Margam Abbey on October 4 at 7pm, when members should bring refreshments.

The Ladies meet next in Penllyn Village Hall on October 16 at 7.30pm when Alison Westwood will show members how to gift wrap; all welcome.

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Charity coffee morning

ROTARY Club of Barry will hold a coffee morning on Saturday, October 6 at 10.30am in All Saints' church hall, Park Road, Barry. Proceeds go to Tenovus Closer to Home Appeal, to provide a mobile unit to take treatment to cancer patients. Admission is £1.

Wham! at the Memo

THE best of George, Andrew, Pepsi and Shirlie – Wham! – comes to the Memo Arts Centre, Barry, on Saturday, October 6 at 8pm.

Tickets available via the box office.

Art group

RHOOSE Art Group will be holding their annual art exhibition on Saturday, October 6 at the Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhose from 11am-5pm. Admission 50p to include tea and biscuits. Raffle, sale table and refreshments.

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A busy month for local WI

AUGUST being holiday time for most and usually a quiet month, the ladies of Highlight Park WI had already arranged a trip to Tenby.

And so on August 22, after weeks of glorious sunshine, it was with a tinge of disappointment that Barry WI along with other WI friends and family, met at the Highlight Community Hall.

The idea was to enjoy the sunshine, the lovely flower displays and the colourful properties along the streets and harbour front of Tenby. Unfortunately, we had very grey skies, light winds and rain!

The journey down was smooth and everyone was in a bright mood even if the weather wasn't. Our good spirits were rewarded when, as we approached the outskirts

of Tenby, the sun made an appearance and the grey clouds started to roll away.

We were dropped off outside the famous town walls and everyone went on their way with a smile. Between us we covered all aspects of the town, some visiting St Mary's Church, others enjoying a long leisurely lunch and glass of wine; there was opportunity to go down to the harbour and paddle before the tide came in, lots of coffee and cake and even more shopping!

It was then back to the town wall to board the bus home, though by now the skies had darkened, but we had had a great day out without any rain.

As we came to the outskirts of Tenby the weather closed in and it started raining, which followed us most of the way back home – weren't we the lucky ones!

Old fashioned harvest

THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock, holds its Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, September 30 at 3pm.

An old fashioned celebration will take place in this little church with a wheat sheaf, fruit, vegetables and flowers, which will be distributed after the service.

Tea and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the service; all welcome. Free parking is available on the left of Fort Road just before the church. For enquiries, call 02920 701303.

September 4 and we furthered our sporting events with a skittles match at the Tynewydd Inn in Barry. Lots of fun and noisy banter and of course a lovely tea included, we all enjoyed the afternoon.

June Davies was the best scorer, hurtling the balls down the skittle alley like a professional.

On September 12, Pam, our treasurer, kindly hosted a cheese and wine lunch on behalf of Barry WI, in support of our charity fundraising.

We are supporting three charities this year – National Coastwatch Institution, Ocean Water Sports Trust, and Making Music Changing Lives.

Over 30 ladies were able to attend – WI members, friends and family all enjoyed a great buffet with an amazing cheese selection, fresh salad produce from the garden (courtesy of Pam's husband), a wide choice of delicious desserts and of course plenty of wine.

Lots of raffle prizes were also donated and

along with other donations, the whole event raised £344. Our thanks to everyone, but a special thank you to Pam and husband for being such great hosts.

On September 18 it was back to Highlight Community Hall for the first meeting of the season.

Barbara opened the meeting with our usual news and announcements. Sadly, she informed us that one of our members, Jean Collier, had passed away in Porthcawl.

Jean had been a generous member and had moved away to live nearer her family.

After singing Jerusalem, we welcomed Tenovus Cancer Care (Gofal canser give hope, help cope) who gave us an evening of a selection of their best songs.

We were invited to join in after a few exercises in breathing. With an audience of over 60 members and with a full choir we all enjoyed ourselves.

The conductor, Jo Wood, explained the aspects of Tenovus and

how they reach out to various organisations to inform and entertain.

The choir said they loved the venue as their voices had never been heard so well due to the acoustics of the hall.

Ruth Honeysett was celebrating her 40th birthday and we had a cake and candles and balloons to surprise her. Happy Birthday Ruth, our youngest member.

Many trips and events are coming with the Autumn's season and new members are always welcome.

Sixteen members of our WI visited the Memorial Hall on Saturday along with a few friends and family to enjoy the Festival of Remembrance, organised by the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion. It was held in celebration of the 100th anniversary year of the end of the Great War.

We took our seats to the sombre sound of 'The Somme', the band and drums of the South Wales Police welcomed our veterans; Barry Male Voice Choir sang

four very topical pieces, followed by an audience singalong of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.

The second half of the programme started with St Cyres School choir, and we saw and heard a roll of honour for WWI Barrians.

Father Ben Andrews led a short service, followed by the Last Post, a two-minute silence and then Reveille.

The programme finished with a blessing and both the English and Welsh anthems; it was both a very moving and yet uplifting festival of remembrance.

Our thanks to Sue, who organised our tickets and seats for the evening.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm and the third Tuesday at 7.15pm for our social evening with usually a speaker or entertainment; Thursday afternoon at 2pm for the craft group. Also, lunch club and theatre groups meet monthly.

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Busy time for music group



VALE singing group With Music In Mind has had a very busy September.

On September 7, guests attended the annual fundraising dinner dance at the Bear Hotel, which was a roaring success.

Party-goers enjoyed a welcome drink followed by a two course meal while taking part in a raffle and silent auction.

Directors Kate Whitestone and Sarah Miles presented to the guests a recording of a special song 'One Day You'll Be Me', written and recorded by With Music In Mind group members with the expert composition skills of the former musical director Meryn Williams.

The evening raised £2275 that will be invaluable for the

continuation of the singing and social groups.

The following week group members from both Cowbridge and Barry took the coach to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama where they sang for the audience members of the National Social Care Conference.

The group received wonderful appreciative feedback, one audience member tweeting: "Such a wonderful performance! So many of the songs my grandmother used to sing. Your voices have made my day brighter."

The singers thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to show their talents.

Rounding up a busy couple of weeks, With Music In Mind were honoured to sing at the inaugural fringe festival as part of the

Cowbridge Music Festival on September 16. Members from the Cowbridge and Barry groups sang in the Duke of Wellington pub to an appreciative audience, supported by a very special guest, soprano Elin Manahan-Thomas, who performed in her evening concert later that day.

It was a truly wonderful experience for everybody involved and With Music In Mind hopes to maintain its links with the Music Festival for future events.

With Music In Mind is pleased to announce that two new singing groups will be starting in October in Llantwit Major and St Athan. For details of times and venues, see the website www.withmusicinmind.co.uk, call on 07500 776295.

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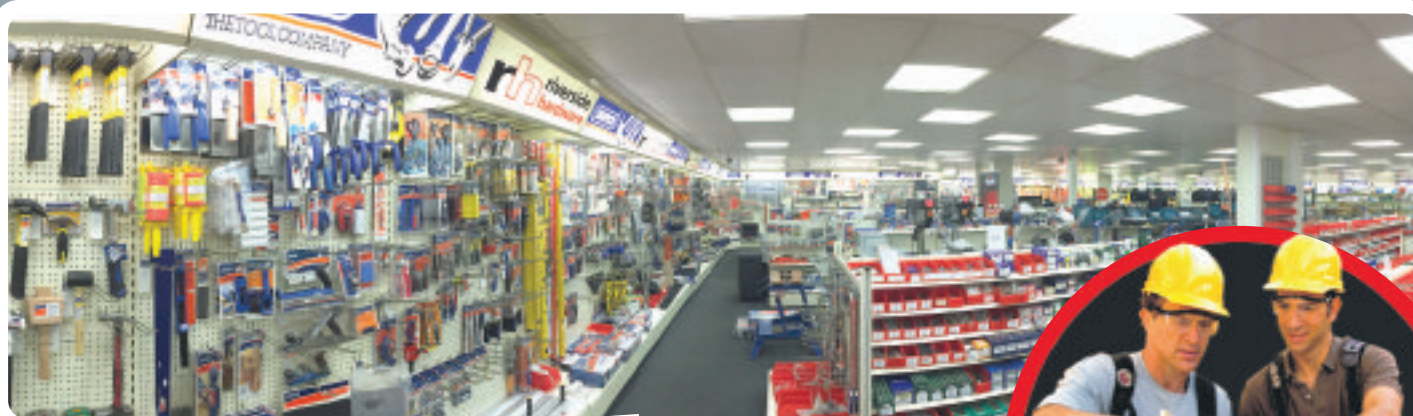


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New string to bow of actor

MATTHEW DOMAN (36) of Pontyclun has fulfilled one of his lifelong ambitions and learned Welsh to 'feel at home' in his career within the Welsh film and television industry.

Matthew studied Welsh in school up to GCSE level, but switched to sciences to prepare for his degree in

Oceanography and Marine Biology, which he took at the University of Southampton.

Matthew had always wanted to act and during his younger years, he spent time on the set of *Doctor Who* spin-off, *Torchwood*.

At the age of 27, Matthew's experience with language changed when he sustained a brain injury in a road accident. As he regained

consciousness, he struggled to understand the English-speaking nurses, even though it was his mother tongue.

He later learned he was suffering from post-traumatic amnesia, a common side effect to his injury that can induce lapses in memory.

Matthew's string of bad luck continued, and in 2015, he fractured bones in both his legs, leaving him wheelchair-bound for several months. Feeling helpless, he decided to both occupy and challenge himself by learning Welsh, as he'd always wanted to do.

In 2016, Matthew

joined a course with Learn Welsh Glamorgan, which is run by the University of South Wales on behalf of the National Centre for Learning Welsh.

Learning the language has had an impact on Matthew's career as an actor. He can now perform, instruct and produce in the language.

Matthew has taught his father some phrases, and they're hoping to join a course together to further promote the Welsh spirit within their family. He's keen to share his love for the language with everyone, whether they're experienced or not.



Matthew Doman.

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'Key to unlocking airport potential rests with politicians' - AM

ANDREW RT DAVIES, AM for South Wales Central has recently called for Air Passenger Duty (APD) to be reduced, to make Cardiff Airport a more attractive option for passengers. He said:

CARDIFF AIRPORT marks 2,000 days since the Welsh Government purchased the site in Rhosfor over £50 million on September 17.

I vehemently opposed this decision through a belief that there were more attractive propositions in the private sector.

As Welsh Conservatives, we set out an alternative blueprint for the airport. To some degree this was vindicated some years later with the Wales Audit Office report, which found the Welsh Government paid vastly over the odds for the airport, nearly double its initial valuation.

Nevertheless, it would be churlish not to recognise some of the progress which has been made at the Airport since this tumultuous period.

Credit must be given to the team at Cardiff Airport, ably led by Debra Barber and Roger Lewis, who have overseen a considerable turnaround in its fortunes.

This year, the airport is set to achieve double digit passenger growth, but it does remain some way off the dizzy heights of 2007 where numbers peaked around the two million mark.

As a business owner and neighbour who wants to see my local airport thrive, thoughts naturally turn to what we can do next to ensure this progress is maintained.

There has undoubtedly been mixed success when it comes to route development, from the unveiling of Cardiff-Qatar to the disappointing failure of the Cardiff-London route.

However, the key to unlocking the Airport's true potential actually does now rest with politicians and revolves around the devolution of Air Passenger Duty (APD).

APD is an excise duty charged on the carriage of passengers flying from a UK airport on aircraft which has a take-off weight of more than 5.7 tonnes or more than 20 passengers.

Lowering APD is a game-changer and would make the airport more competitive, attracting more

passengers and route options, while delivering a shot in the arm to the Welsh economy.

The Scottish Government already enjoys the power, and Northern Ireland has the ability to flex its muscles when it comes to determining long-haul APD, with the likelihood of short-haul making its way across the Irish Sea in the not-too-distant future.

It has been the long-standing position of the Welsh Conservatives in the National Assembly that this power should be transferred to Wales, and it also featured as a prominent recommendation of the Silk Commission.

So what's stopping it? Many cite the intransigence of the UK Government, which some speculate is down to a strong south-west political lobby citing the negative impacts such a decision might have on Bristol airport.

While I recognise some of these concerns, I do not believe they are insurmountable. One report found that many of these concerns were unjustified and focused simply on the worst-case scenario.

Not one study or report has found a detrimental impact to UK PLC as a whole. In fact, quite the opposite, with a slight rebalancing between markets and passenger traffic. As the party of the Union, what's not to like?

Even the partial devolution of APD (long-haul) could allow for the development of two successful airports with distinct catchments, one which both governments and economies could benefit from.

As an Assembly Member who represents South Wales Central and has been elected to champion the interests of my constituents in the Vale and beyond, our national airport shouldn't be ignored at the expense of others.

As a party, we have a proud tradition of being one that stands up for the Union, for fairness and for prosperity.

As a Conservative, I instinctively believe in lower taxes to drive prosperity, economic investment and growth. This can and should be done at Cardiff Airport.

The devolution of APD would satisfy these traditions and ambitions while providing a huge 'thumbs up' for UK PLC, and importantly, the Conservative Government's record of delivery for Wales.

Ableworld features on national news

ABLEWORLD, the UK's leading mobility retailer, was recently asked by ITV National News to talk about mobility scooter safety because of a sharp increase in fatalities, pressure is mounting on the Government to impose stricter regulations on mobility scooters.

An Ableworld spokesperson said: "Ableworld has always demonstrated an ethical approach to selling – at a time when many mobility retailers have sold scooters online with no checks. Ableworld strongly

believes that before purchasing a mobility scooter, customers should be correctly assessed and advised which scooter best fits their needs.

"Taking it one step further, Ableworld also run scooter proficiency sessions. These are completely free and are aimed at people who don't feel confident driving one. Included is a chance to drive on a test track accompanied by a member of staff, have the scooter checked and ask staff any questions about mobility scooters."

The ITV News segment included a scooter proficiency session with residents riding on the test track accompanied by store

manager Darren Evans and engineer Mark Burrows.

Michelle Mossford, senior marketing manager, said: "Ableworld rely on scooter users to come to these sessions, but we can't force them. We would, however, champion anything that keeps our customers safe, as well as other road users and pedestrians."

Ableworld also produce a free Highway Code for mobility scooter users and users. The free guide covers everything needed to stay safe.

For a list of all Ableworld stores, visit www.ableworld.co.uk/ableworld-events.



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If you want your food to be delicious and affordable, locally sourced and fully traceable, good for the environment & supportive of the local community, you are in the right place! The Food Collective is the perfect place to shop.

"We are fortunate to have many excellent local producers in this area and I have been involved with many of them through the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market for many years. I am passionate about local food and making it easily accessible to as many people as possible. The natural progression was to set up an online Farmers Market, and the Food Collective was born." Every producer is within 30 miles of Cowbridge.

The Food Collective brings together the best food makers and their produce on this easy to use website. Do your weekly shop at the click of a button, confident in the quality and provenance of the products you are buying.

The Market will open every Thursday evening and remain open until just after midnight on Tuesday, for you to shop at your leisure. The producers then have two days to prepare their goods, exactly to order so there is no waste. Come along to Cowbridge Comprehensive School every Thursday evening between 5.30 and 7.00 o'clock to collect your orders and meet the producers.

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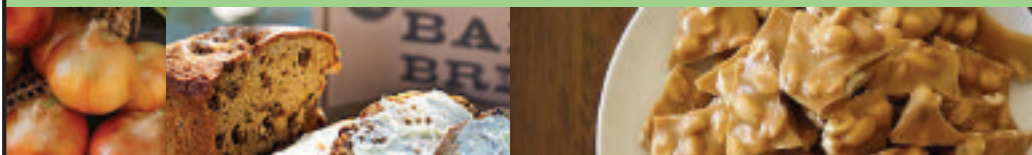
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On Thursday 4th October we will be holding our first collection of the new Food Collective, why not come and join us, you don't have to have shopped yet, see how it works, meet the producers and taste some of the fantastic produce. There will also be a free raffle to win a fabulous Food Collective hamper.

Make a note in your diary - Thursday 4th October 5.30 till 7.00 pm in the Canteen at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, and if you want to browse our range of products go to **www.thefoodcollective.co.uk**

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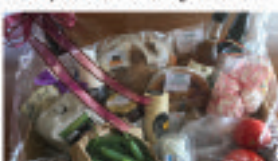


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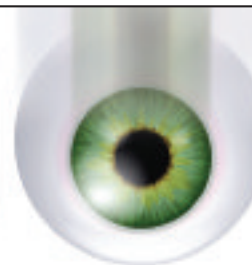
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The organisers would like to thank everyone for their kind support and donations and thank those who generously gave items for the auction and raffle.

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Out & About with The GEM

Your guide to what's on, and where in your area...

Art Society
ON Thursday, September 27, Cowbridge Art Society starts its new programme of demonstrations, lectures and workshops with a talk and demonstration by Cardiff-born 2013 Sky Arts Portrait of the year national winner, Nick Lord.

On Thursday, October 4, there will be a demonstration of architectural watercolour painting by artist and architect Simon Jones.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also nonartists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and

www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartcas

Barry and Penarth Railway Society
A MEETING of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place on Thursday, September 27 at Penarth Conservative Club (CF64 2EZ) starting at 7.30pm.

Lin Bryant will talk about The Barry Railway Company. Free parking, admission and bar.

Bingo afternoon
THE management committee of Rhose Community Hall in Stewart Road, Rhose, is holding its monthly bingo afternoon on Saturday, September 29.

Doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a large raffle.

Cowbridge 10k
ON Sunday, September 30, 600 competitors will converge on Cowbridge for its

'Cancer Research UK' 10k event.

The races start at 10am at the rugby club with an upper limit of 600 participants. Registration starts at 8.15am with parking at the leisure centre and health centre.

Organisers have requested that motorists take particular care in Westgate and the town hall car park while the event is under way.

Support for carers
ON October 1 from 9am to 12.30pm in the Mary Lennox Room, Barry Hospital, there will be session to provide advice and information to carers on what services are available for those caring for a family member or friend.

Further information is available from Sister Linda Edwards on the Sam Davies Ward on 01446 704164.

Welfare rights advice
IF you live in the Vale and need some advice or help on benefits such as Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit or Disability Living Allowance, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights service.

An adviser from Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will be available to chat to on any of these issues and help with form filling. A session will be held on Tuesday, October 2 from 9.30am to 12pm at The Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holt Road, Barry. No appointment is needed, just come along. For further information call 01446 732385; home visits can be arranged.

Living Well With Arthritis
A NEW Living Well With Arthritis support group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holt Road.

If you have arthritis, we're here with information and support. The group will include ways of helping you with information on diet, medication, Tai Chi, Yoga etc. Sessions are held monthly on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 4pm; the next drop-in is on October 2. Call 01446 732385 or May the coordinator on 07711 3669456 for further information or just come along.

Care and Repair
IF you are a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale, elderly or disabled and in need of advice or support on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can help you adapt and maintain your home; can give advice on grants available and information on reputable companies to use.

Care and Repair will hold a session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holt Road, Barry on Tuesday, October 2 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along and chat to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Valeways guided walks
ON Tuesday, October 2 at 10am meet at Coffee Cove for

Crwydro Ynys y Barri.

On Wednesday, October 3 the Coffee Shop Strollers will meet at 10.30am in Bridge Cafe car park, Barry.

The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge meet at the Physic Garden fountain at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, October 4 the Living With Cancer Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park at 10.30am.

Baruc Art Group
BARUC Art Group is holding its annual exhibition and sale of paintings and cards on Saturday, October 13 from 10am to 4pm in the All Saints' church hall, Park Road, Barry. Admission is free, paintings, cards and refreshments will be on sale, and a raffle will be held.

This local Barry Art Group has been running since 1974 and is open to all ages and abilities in a weekly three-hour meeting on Friday mornings (9am to 12pm) at All Saints' church hall, Barry.

We have demonstrations and study days by local professional artists; like the one arranged next on portraiture. The group has *en plein air* painting days (with lunch) – another recognised way of improving painting skills – in settings like Sully and Porthkerry Park. For further details, call secretary Lin Learner (01446 722243).

St John's House is open this Saturday

ST John's House, on Newcastle Hill in Bridgend town centre, is taking part in CADW's 'Open Doors' event this coming Saturday, September 29.

A spokesperson said: "Our doors will indeed be open from 10.30am – 4pm.

A number of re-enactors will be

joining us including a Tudor Physician, Herbalist and Medieval Archers, as well as activities for young and old alike, such as Lucet, finger loop braiding and the subtleties of marchpane."

Marchpane was the Tudor and Jacobean forerunner of marzipan. For more information, call 07510 248315 or visit www.stjohns-bridgend.org.uk.

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This Favor is Simply thrilling...

SINCE his breakout hit *Bridesmaids*, Paul Feig has shown that he while comedy is his natural playground, he's more than willing to take chances, helming the likes of police action comedy *The Heat*, espionage comedy *Spy* and, perhaps most controversially, the all-female 2016 *Ghostbusters* that was far better than the majority gave it credit for.

His latest film, however, sees him change tack with *A Simple Favor*.

Anna Kendrick plays blogger Stephanie, who forms a friendship with her son's friend's mother, the kooky Emily (Blake Lively). However, when Emily disappears, Stephanie starts to try and find out where she might be, an investigation that shows that there is more to Emily than meets the eye...

There is more than a little whiff of *Gone Girl* about the premise of *A Simple Favor* (itself adapted from a book by Darcey Bell), but what's more notable is this is Paul Feig's first attempt at tackling something with a less than comedic bent.

It's a transition that isn't entirely a volte face, there being a thread of dark humour, but *A Simple Favor* is a wonderfully twisty piece of work that will keep you engaged throughout.

It's anchored by two superb performances from leads Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively.

The former may have found a niche working primarily in comedy (not unlike her director) but films like *Up In The Air* show she can handle more serious



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fare and she excels here as the perky, chirpy Stephanie, whose world changes when she comes into Emily's orbit.

As Stephanie goes from her friendship with Emily to trying to find out what has happened to her, Kendrick is always tremendously engaging, the character carrying with her a not inconsiderable baggage that comes to play as the story progresses, and Kendrick is brilliant.

She is matched by Lively, an actor who is rarely given the opportunity to show her acting chops, but who has shown in the likes of *The Town* and *The Shallows* she can be captivating with the right material.

As the aloof, carefree Emily, Lively manages to strike a fine balance by having a great time with the role but equally delivering a strong performance.

With a hint of mystery to her, and her own baggage, Lively is superb here.

The rest of the cast are decent enough but can't help but pale into comparison with the leads, such is the power of their performances and the structure of the story.

Visually the film carries a breezy style that is typically Paul

Feig, but what impresses most is the way he handles the darker, more dramatic moments, showing a flair and control that is a pleasing surprise.

Of course he can't help but interject humour into proceedings, but it's only in the film's climax that a slight shift into improv-esque comedy falls flat; elsewhere it's judged nicely and fits into the tone of the piece.

Narratively, the film does a good job of keeping you on your toes, but the central mystery suffers from a less-than-dramatic reveal, and also can't help but feel a little over-familiar within its genre.

Despite this, however, you'll still be engrossed as it winds its way towards its conclusions, as deals, double (and triple) crosses become commonplace.

It may require a little more focus than usual, but it's worth it as builds towards a crescendo.

What could have been a curio piece (Paul Feig making a dramatic thriller) instead plays out as wholly satisfying piece of work that, driven by two superb performances, makes for a wholly pleasing viewing experience; *A Simple Favor* is simply thrilling!

VERDICT – Twists and turns abound in *A Simple Favor*, a film that sees Paul Feig branching out into more dramatic fare – and it paying dividends.

Add to that a plot that keeps you on your toes, and performances from Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively that are wonderfully delivered and you have a superb piece of work. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Gone Girl* (2014), *Blood Simple* (1984)

Author Mick Herron is coming to Penarth

GRIFFIN Books is hosting an event with bestselling novelist Mick Herron next Thursday, October 4.

Herron, author of the popular Jackson Lamb series of spy thrillers, will be talking about his latest novel 'This Is What Happened' at the Glamorganshire Golf Club in Penarth, with doors open from 7pm.

Bookshop owner Mel Griffin said: "I've really enjoyed the well-crafted plots and dry wit of the first two Jackson Lamb books, and am looking forward to working my way through the rest of the series." Reviewers have called Herron 'the UK's new spymaster' and compared him to both Graham Greene and John Le Carre. Contact the shop for more information about this event.

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Porthcawl's Liz celebrates 50 years at the cutting edge of the hairstyling world

A hair stylist in Newton, Porthcawl, is celebrating a remarkable 50 years in the business – but she has no plans to retire.

These days, Liz Shipton can be found at 'Fresh Hair' on Newton Nottage Road in Newton Village, but her lifelong interest in the business has meant that she is a much-travelled lady!

It was in 1968 that Liz Oliver (as she then was) left St Clare's School in Porthcawl and started as a trainee with Peter Hubbard Miles, who had salons in Bridgend and Porthcawl (in Lias Road).

She was based in Bridgend but remembers coming to Porthcawl to cope with the rush every year when it was the 'Miners' Fortnight'.

After finishing her apprenticeship, she moved to another Bridgend hair stylist, and a high profile one at that, in Uwe Jantzen. As well as hairdressing, Uwe raced cars at Llandow Race Circuit and elsewhere.

It was while Liz was working for Uwe that she was bitten by the competition bug – winning the Welsh Cup for Senior Ladies



Demonstrating at Salon International for the Fellowship of British Hairdressing.

Hairdressing.

The bug of course, turned out to be long lasting.

In the early 1980s, Liz opened her own salon – Studio 14 in Bridgend – but she carried on competing, and that led to a major change in her life.

She had her first taste of international competition when she was selected for the 'Ladies Hairdressing World Cup' team.

She also joined the National Hairdressers' Federation and it was through that organisation that she met Frank Shipton – and it wasn't long before they were married.

As it happens, they were both in the mood to try something new, and they moved to Bristol,

taking a rest from running hair salons and moving into teaching.

Liz joined Bristol College, teaching hairdressing and make up, and those teaching qualifications opened some more doors.

Soon, she was demonstrating for Salon International and other stage shows, and conducting seminars for major companies such as Revlon and L'Oreal.

However, she and Frank still hankered after owning their own salon, and they opened one in Bristol in 1987.

This was a pretty settled period of their lives, and 10 years later they felt so settled in Bristol that they opened a second.

Liz had continued to compete, with Frank as



Liz winning the British Championship in 1995.

an adviser and mentor, and Liz became British champion in 1995.

This meant that they had to balance running their salons, and finding time to compete, because becoming British champion was followed by selection for the British Ladies World Cup Team, who were pretty competitive on the world scene.

This meant trips to the Far East, America and Europe – all the time keeping an eye on the salon back home.

As happens in football and other sports, Liz moved on from

competing to coaching – training and managing teams who were competing abroad, and she also became an international judge.

It was during this period that Frank became interested in photography – in particular he wanted to learn to photograph hair styles and stylists at work, and with Liz doing some of the styling, it wasn't long before their combined work was featuring in high fashion magazines.

She continued competing, and in 2007 she became the first

Welsh hairdresser to win the Wales and South West Hairdresser of the Year – part of the British Hairdressing Awards.

However, the Bridgend and Porthcawl area was still calling her home, and she and Frank headed back to Porthcawl about eight years ago.

The pace has been a little less hectic since and, as tends to happen, in 2013 she was proud to receive an award that recognised her 'body of work' over her time in the business.

She became the first hairdresser to be



Liz Shipton with a poster currently on show in Newton, celebrating her 50 years in the business.

inducted into the Welsh Hall of Fame!

Creativity and showmanship runs in the Shipton clan. Liz and Frank are both proud of Frank's son, Dan, who is one third of Black Skull Creative – a trio who create and produce such a huge range of work – from pop videos to stadium spectaculars – that a look at their website is a real eye opener.



Liz at 16.

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Nicki's message for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

IN 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month' a local woman, Nicki Ellis, is keen to encourage women to take the steps that could save their lives.

Nicki (48) is well known in Barry – she and husband Lyndsay run 'The Vale Funeral Service' from its premises on Court Road.

Nicki, mother of Georgina (23) and Nikita (19), was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015.

This year her aim was to live until August and with that hurdle successfully overcome, her ambition is to make 50 years old in 2020!

"From day one, I decided I wanted to raise awareness for women of what they should look out for. There are now apps available to download which explain how women should check themselves out and signs and symptoms to look out for."

"Two apps are 'Breast Check Now' and 'Know your Lemons'. They explain how to self-examine if you don't know what to do."

Nicki said she recommends very regular checks. "I'd say at least once a month. I think the time of a period can be a reminder – 'Now's the time to check my breasts as well'."



Nicki on holiday in Jamaica in May this year.

"In 2015 in the UK there were 55,122 new cases of breast cancer. In 2016, there were 11,563 deaths."

"My aim is to reduce those deaths. If women check themselves more often, there will be earlier detection and it will increase the survival rate."

She points out that when she was diagnosed she was living a healthy lifestyle so people shouldn't assume that it just happens to people who smoke, drink or have poor diets.

"Young women should be particularly vigilant and check their breasts, because women don't get called for mammograms until the age of 50."

Over the last three years, Nicki has done a lot to publicise the issue, including fundraising, and she says she helped other women draw their attention to it.

"Two had breast cancer and in the end were okay. Without reading my posts, they would never have known."

She would like to see TV adverts warning people of the action they should take on

common cancers such as breast cancer and prostate cancer. "Information videos on TV's at doctors' surgeries would also be good."

Although she has faced a daunting journey, Nicki says defiantly: "I'm still fighting"

She has been receiving treatment at Velindre Cancer Centre. She said: "When I went into my lung, I went on chemo and that made me stable."

"After March 18 this year it progressed in my lung and to the lymph nodes in my chest, and I got skin mets (skin metastases)."

"In the last couple of weeks, it has spread to my spine. I'm taking part in a clinical trial which I'm hoping will help me and provide research for women in the future."

"Last September my oncologist said the stats gave me another 12 months and I've got past that – now I'm aiming to get to my 50th birthday in 2020."

"To have the support of family, friends and the community of Barry gives me the strength to carry on."

'Breast Cancer Awareness Month' is encouraging people to hold a 'Big Pink Party' on Friday, October 12. For advice on how to organise one and get a free kit go to: www.breastcancercare.org.uk/

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What are the signs and symptoms of breast cancer?

THE earlier breast cancer is diagnosed, the better the chance of successful treatment, so it's important to check your breasts regularly.

How should I check my breasts?

There's no special technique and you don't need training to check your breasts.

Everyone's breasts are different, so get to know how your breasts normally look and feel. That way, it's easier to spot anything unusual.

Remember to check the whole breast area, including your upper chest and armpits.

If you spot any changes to your breasts, make sure you get checked by your doctor as soon as possible.

What should I be looking for?

Lumps are important to look for, and can be the first symptom of

breast cancer for many women. But there are other signs and symptoms you should look out for.

Pain in your breasts is not normally a sign of breast cancer, but it can be if it is associated with other symptoms. While most pain is not usually a symptom, it's important to look out for any pain that is unusual and persists over a period of time.

It's as simple as TLC: Touch Look Check.

TOUCH your breasts. Can you feel anything unusual?

Can you feel a lump or swelling in the breast, upper chest or armpit? You might feel the lump, but not see it.

LOOK for changes. Is there any change in shape, size or texture?

Can you see a change in colour? The breast may look red or inflamed.

One of them might become inverted (turned in) when it normally

points out.

Have you noticed any unusual discharge from either of your nipples?

Can you see any rash or crusting of the nipple or surrounding area? CHECK anything unusual with your doctor.

Make sure you get checked out as soon as possible.

It's important to continue to check even if you are having regular screenings.

Having some of these symptoms doesn't necessarily mean you have breast cancer, but it's important to get checked out if you are worried.

If your doctor thinks you need any further testing, they will refer you to a breast clinic to see a specialist.

How often should I check my breasts?

It doesn't matter when you check your breasts, as long as you check

them regularly.

This could be every month, or every couple of months. You could check while you're in the bath or shower, after the gym or before bed.

When you get to know your breasts, you might notice they change with age, or at different times of the month.

For example, your breasts might feel tender and lumpy around the time of your period.

You may also experience normal changes during pregnancy, when your breasts may get bigger and feel tender or sore.

For more information visit breastcancernow.org; call their supporter engagement team on 0333 20 70 300 (9am-5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am-4pm on Fridays), or you can email supporterengagement@breastcancernow.org.

Moving Forward courses in the area

MOVING Forward courses

are taking place in Llantrisant on October 4, 11, 18 and 25, and on November 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the Princess of Wales

Hospital (9.30am-12 noon each week).

These free four-week programmes examines some of the issues that may affect you.

They aim to provide information, support and professional guidance on how to cope with and adjust to

life after treatment.

Topics covered may include: healthy eating, exercise, managing menopausal symptoms, lymphoedema, cancer fatigue, intimacy and relationships, and adjusting and adapting after a diagnosis of breast cancer.

The courses are open to people who have had a breast cancer diagnosis within the last two years and you are asked that you are free to attend all four sessions of the programme.

If you have any questions about this or any other course we offer, contact movingforward@breastcancercare.org.uk or by phoning 0345 077 1893.

Ways to raise money to support charity

THERE are plenty of things that you can do to help raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

If you're feeling athletic then you can take part in a sponsored run, bike ride, walk, or indeed any sporting activity, while for those less energetic there's always the option of holding a charity coffee morning – a very good excuse to enjoy a chat, cup of tea or coffee and a nice slice of cake, and raise money for a worthwhile cause while you're at it!

If you fancy going a little old-school then you could always go for the 'how many sweets are in the jar'

competition - and the more sweets, the more entries you are likely to get, or you could even take part in a sponsored head shave or, for any brave gentlemen out there, a sponsored leg wax.

You could give something up for a month – what better cause is there to stop

drinking, smoking eating chocolate, or whatever your vice may be.

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M4-A48 road protestors unhappy with make up of review body

A PROTEST group opposing plans for a new airport road from Junction 34 to Sycamore Cross on the A48 in the Vale is angry about the make up of a review body that will consider the issue.

Vale Communities For Future Generations (VCFGG) says it is unhappy with the composition of the Vale Council's Review Group, whose purpose is to review the findings of the WeITAG consultation process on the road proposals.

Protesters complain that the selection of Review Group members is weighted in favour of transport bodies and ignores environmental, health, education and conservation representatives.

VCFGG claims that requests for the council to postpone the review group meeting until membership of the group has been examined has fallen on deaf ears, and the protest group says that Vale Council officers insist the existing group membership needs no further additional input in its review of the consultation process.

VCFGG says that it has gathered support from local AMs to put pressure on the Vale Council to rethink their strategy.

Vale AM Jane Hutt has raised the matter in The Senedd, and with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport Ken Skates AM.

Martyn Lloyd, a resident of the Ely Valley, said: "There is growing suspicion that the Vale Council is trying to push through the process of consultation and ignoring all the issues they should be considering under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. This is not a good example of local democracy."

A Vale Council

spokesperson said: "No decision has yet been made on whether to build a new road between junction 34 of the M4 and the Sycamore Cross junction of the A48, a project that could also include the creation of a parkway station at junction 34."

"Feedback from the consultation exercise is currently being processed and full consideration will be given to all views expressed."

"The council's cabinet will decide the next step for this project later in the year and it would be premature to comment further until all comments on the matter have been received, including those of the review group."

"The make-up of the review group was agreed by cabinet in January 2018 following scrutiny and includes professionals with expertise in the economy, built and natural environment, culture, health, community, road, active travel and public transport."

"There has also been detailed consideration given in the Draft WeITAG Stage 2 report to any possible

economic, environmental, social and cultural impacts of the scheme options. Full details of this work for this stage can be found on the Council's website at http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/consultation/previous_consultations/M4-to-A48-Transport-Network-Consultation.aspx

"Should the project progress to a detailed business case and design phase, the relevant consents and permissions would need to be secured. There would also need to be a great deal of further information gathering in respect of many environmental matters, including biodiversity, archaeology, community and regional impacts."

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Education in Barry - Pauper children and private schools, by Laurie Owen

Local historian Laurie Owen has long been fascinated by the period when Barry grew very rapidly from a small village to a large town (approximately 1888 to 1908).

In this article, he looks at the problems of education in such an expanding population.

E DUCATING the young came to prominence towards the end of the 19th century, when in 1880 it became compulsory for children aged 5-10 to attend school.

School Boards would receive grants based partly on attendance, so officers were employed to chase up truants, often leading to fines for persistent offenders.

At the outset, children could leave school at the age of 10, rising to 11 in 1893 and finally to 12 six years

later.

Work began on building the docks and railway in 1884 and over the next few years, thousands of children were living in Cadoston, Merthyr Dovan and East Barry. The existing system could not accommodate those numbers and new schools would have to be built, alongside and at the same time as the rest of the infrastructure.

This was indeed progress, but many of the newly-arrived parents knew that instead of earning extra pennies for the family purse, their children would now have to attend school.

With fees averaging 3d a week per child, large families in particular would lose their former income and pay for the privilege. Even when elementary education finally became free in 1891, they still suffered from the cost of income.

The Barry Dock News reported in January 1890 that a young widow of six weeks with three children aged 9-11 was seeking remission of school fees. In a grand gesture, she was allowed three months on condition that she

continued to pay thereafter.

A Cadoston mother of eight children, whose labourer husband earned between 17-20s a week and paying 7s.6d a week rent, asked to be excused payment of school fees on five of her children. A decision was deferred until investigations had been made.

Later that year, an 11-year-old persistent truant boy, beyond the control of his parents, appeared before magistrates with a view to being sent to an 'Industrial School' at Stockport for two years. These establishments were for children often described as 'incorrigible', who with some discipline and routine, could hopefully be shown the peril of their ways, before committing crime and ending up in reformatory schools.

A Truant and Industrial School for boys was opened at Dinas Powys in 1899 and when I was growing up in the 1940s and beyond, it was known as Bryn-y-Don Borstal.

An act of generosity occurred in 1889, when pauper children from the Ely Industrial School were taken on a

steamer from Cardiff to Barry Docks as a special treat. Generally, pauper children lived among adults in workhouses, but towards the end of the 19th century, measures were in place to separate them for their well-being.

The new century would bring great benefits to these unfortunate children and The Guardians of the Poor in Cardiff were proud to announce how the introduction of 'scattered homes' in the district was already a great success.

Suitable houses were located in ordinary streets and would be kept like a normal home, with photos and pictures on the walls, kettles and saucepans in the kitchen and even a mantle.

Children would be clean and well dressed, attend local schools, play games after school, go to birthday parties and outings, in fact everything that other children had always taken for granted.

They would have their own cupboard or drawer for personal possessions and most importantly, brothers and sisters could now live in the same house and grow up together,

sharing the highs and lows as a family.

Overseeing the houses was a superintendent, with a matron buying and maintaining clothes etc. A 'day visitor' called at least four times a week to talk to the children and a 'visiting committee' would go over all the reports.

Finally there were the 'mothers', chosen with great care and often women who could not have children of their own. The cost related to children in workhouses had averaged 12 shillings a week, but hopefully it would be reduced under the new system.

Locally there were scattered/cottage homes in Kenilworth Road and Woodlands Road and in October 1901, two cottage homes were opened by the Cardiff Union Board of Guardians at 15 and 16 Park Crescent.

Children would benefit from a family experience in the charge of a Foster Mother Guardian. One home would be Church of England and the other Nonconformist, but with no explanation of the relevance to the youngsters themselves.

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In 1911 there were 12 boys and girls between four and 14 in both of these homes, with Annie Rees and Hannah Bryant in charge. Although still referred to as 'inmates' in the census, it was surely the start of a new life, to improve their chances of employment and curtail the idea of 'once a pauper, always a pauper'.

It seems there were two types of 'private

schools' during this early period and they were the subject of much discussion, with varying opinions from members of the School Board. The language used when referring to the 'petty private schools' illustrated the depth of feeling towards them.

When the attendance officer confronted parents of truants, they would often be told that their child was at a private school. This avoided a fine, but they were described as 'sordid establishments, mere asylums for young children'. Others

thought that even if the teaching was inferior to that of Board schools, they did at least provide some refuge and safety.

With massive overcrowding for several years, there were opportunities to provide for children who would otherwise lose out. If the Board found that the school fees were less than 9d a week, they could carry out an inspection and although it gave them some control, there did not seem much desire to take action.

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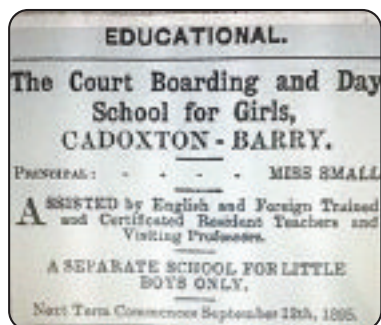
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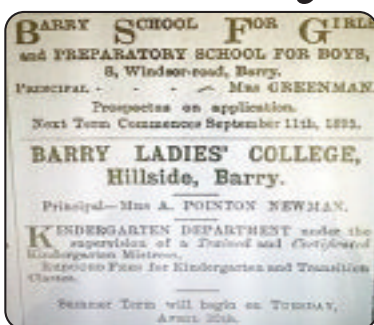
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Education in Barry



Court School, 1895.



Two private schools, 1895.

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In November 1890 a Mrs Reeves ran a private school in a cottage at Cadoxton and told the attendance officer David Griffiths, that she was better qualified than the teachers of Board Schools.

Enterprising teachers and others offered to privately educate children of parents who had the means to pay. Advertising regularly in the Barry Dock News, they were the bona fide 'private schools' which included: Cadoxton Grammar and Commercial School with headmaster Rees Goring Morris was open in 1889, offering evening classes in shorthand, French, English and arithmetic, costing £1 for the whole course.

Mr Morris was active in the community, running school cricket and rugby teams yet within six years he seems to have joined the clergy, with no further mention of the school.

The School for Girls and Preparatory School for Boys was at Atherstone House, 8 Windsor

Road from 1890, with principal Miss AE Burbidge. She had qualified as a pupil teacher in November 1889 at Cadoxton School and was appointed assistant teacher on a salary of £30pa.

Having been unfairly refused a wage rise in May 1891, she possibly left to run this school full-time for four years until a Mrs Greenman became principal, seemingly just for one year. In the 1901 census, Alice Burbidge was again a 'Board School Teacher'.

Barry Ladies College at Hillside, 2 Park Road, opened late 1894 with principal Mrs Angela Pointon Newman, who had a fine record. It was a high class school for girls and kindergarten for young children, but in January 1916 it moved to 21 Romilly Road with a press article referring to a 'Hillside Red Cross Hospital'. She was later presented with a substantial cheque by satisfied parents.

Cadoxton School for Girls opened at Rectory Road in June

1891, with Miss Beatrice Small as principal, 'assisted by efficient English and Foreign Governesses'.

A few years later and now named The Court Boarding and Day School, she was also running the Belle Vue School for Girls, from her home.

The School for Girls was at 12 Barry Dock Road (Broad Street) in 1894, before moving to 28 Porthkerry Road as Aberthaw House School a year later. The principals were Misses Ethel Florence and Edith May Pearce and within a few years they were teaching at 24 Romilly Road.

A Day School for Girls at Hebble House, Cadoxton with principal Ada Barstow advertised from 1892-5, before later trading at 4 Church Road as a milliner dressmaker. In 1905 she moved to Florida.

In the 1901 census there was a schoolhouse at 68 High Street, with the Master Harry Whitehouse 35, Mary 32, Harry (four), Errick (three) and Edith Collins, a 17-year-old servant.

More police officers to be Taser-trained

SOUTH Wales Police is to double the number of Taser-trained officers in the next year, following a wide-ranging review by Chief Constable Matt Jukes.

The review looked into the best ways for police officers to protect the public and themselves in the face of challenges including assaults on officers, as well as the national rise in knife crime and 'County Lines'.

As a result of the review, South Wales Police will increase its proportion of Taser-trained officers from 10 per cent of all officers to 20 per cent in the next 12 months – meaning that an additional 281 officers will be trained. A similar increase is planned for the following year. The decision has been reviewed and strongly endorsed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Alun Michael.

The increase will kick in from the start of 2019, with detailed plans for the rollout and intensive training for the officers who will carry the device.

Commenting on the decision, Mr Michael said: "The use of a Taser is often misunderstood and misrepresented, so it's important to stress that – properly used – it is a means of preventing injury, not of causing injury."

"Tasers are frequently used to prevent violence against police officers but also against members of the public and individuals who need to be restrained. I have looked specifically at the way in which Tasers are used by South Wales Police as part of my role in

holding the Chief Constable to account for operational policing. As a result, I am very confident that the use of Taser by our officers is proportionate and frequently prevents harm."

"Very often, the Taser isn't used because its very presence has been enough to deter an offender. In the vast majority of cases where Taser is carried, it is not deployed – and even when it is, prevention of violence comes from measures short of discharge such as projecting a laser's red dot on to the suspect."

"To ensure that Tasers are not misused their deployment is carefully controlled, enormous care is taken when training officers who carry Taser to ensure that they understand their responsibilities. Its use is also scrutinised closely by senior officers, by the Home Office and by other external bodies to ensure that Tasers are only used to prevent harm to victims of crime, the wider public, police officers and offenders themselves."

Assistant Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan said: "We are determined to ensure our officers are properly equipped to be able to best protect themselves, their colleagues and, importantly, the public."

"The Chief Constable's decision is based on evidence that additional police officers carrying Taser will act as an added deterrent to violence. Discharging a Taser will temporarily incapacitate suspects posing a danger to the public or to themselves, such as when they are armed with a weapon."

"On average, South Wales Police officers are subjected to around nine assaults each week, which sadly include kicking, biting, punching and spitting."

"In addition, we are aware that gangs linked to drugs trafficking and County Lines activity are increasingly likely to be carrying weapons. We intend to be ready should these trends have an increasing impact in our area, with Taser being particularly adept at neutralising the threat from someone armed with a knife."

"Extra Taser provision will help mitigate these threats and allow for more effective policing."

South Wales Police does not anticipate there being a significant increase in the amount of times Taser is discharged – only a small proportion of instances where Taser is carried currently results in the device actually being discharged. In around 90 per cent of cases an officer who has been authorised to carry Taser will not deploy or use the device.

Between autumn 2007 and spring 2018, Taser was authorised on more than 13,000 occasions. In the 2017/18 year, Taser was deployed in 227 cases, and, of those, discharged in only 16 instances.

Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael added: "I will continue to monitor Taser use by South Wales Police – with particular emphasis on the results of this increased availability – to make certain that any and every use of Taser in South Wales is justifiable, proportionate, lawful, and necessary."

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Winning run continues as Seaweeds beat Morriston

PORHCRAWL RFC's unbeaten start to the season continued at South Road on Saturday as Morriston's efforts were thwarted by stubborn home defence, which at times was tested to the limit.

The unfavourable and wet conditions were far from conducive to a running game, however with playmaker Jon Phillips back to control matters, the Seaweeds made good use of the ball for much of the match.

When fly-half Ben Thomas put Phillips into a gap on nine minutes, he in turn fed co-centre Aled Davies who cantered over at the posts, with Thomas' conversion making it 7-0 and a great start for the home side.

Morriston's pack is a very useful and driven outfit and their game is firmly based around this, with the home eight having to give all they had to keep on terms at times, with the visitors' driving game impressive and threatening.

When wing Jordan Skidmore put in a relieving 70 metre kick out of defence, it set up the opportunity for Porthcawl to get into visiting territory and Ben Thomas slotted a penalty from 20 metres in front for offside and 10-0.

As the visitors again threatened with a sustained period of pressure, it took a superb piece of work at the breakdown by flanker Chris Blake to snuff out what could have been a dangerous position for Porthcawl, as he turned over the ball at a ruck for a penalty that eased the pressure going into the

interval.

As the start of the second period continued where the first half had ended, wing Jordan Fox set off on a brilliant 50 metre run down the right flank, passing to Aled Davies before the move came to grief and the visitors took the ball out of defence with some smart play.

With Morriston wing Aled Williams about to fly over for a probable try at the corner, a wonderful cover tackle from behind by Ben Thomas stopped him in his tracks, the latest of many great touches by Thomas during the match.

As the weather continued to make life difficult for handling, Morriston probably played the conditions a little better by keeping the ball close in a display of almost continual driving forward play; however the Porthcawl defence was more than up to the task.

Eventually, the Seaweeds gained a great position as Thomas' penalty resulted in a lineout 10 metres out from the line.

A superb controlled forward drive from the lineout saw hard-working prop Jamie Uren driven over for the try that effectively wrapped up the match, with Thomas' fine conversion off touch making it 17-0, bringing down the curtain on another sound Porthcawl performance.

This Saturday sees the Seaweeds away at Bonymaen in the first round of this year's WRU Plate competition before returning to League action the following week at Ystradgynlais on October 6.

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Cowbridge Darts League news

ON Tuesday, September 18, a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.

Last year's champions, the Edmondson B's good start continued with an 8-1 victory over the Hairys Farmers. In this match, the season had its first 180 from Martin Thomas (Edmondson B), the second 180 being achieved by Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms) in their 5-4 win against the Edmondson A.

It was a good night for the Victoria Inn in their first match of the season, defeating the Edmondson C 8-1. The second-placed team is now the Highwayman Inn who won 6-3 against the One Town Hall Square.

Llanharry were scheduled to have a bye, but with the Six Bells Inn withdrawing from the league there was also no match for the Red Lion Inn.

Present league standings are therefore: Edmondson B (15 points), Highwayman Inn (14), Edmondson A (12), Farmers Arms (10), Victoria Inn (8), Edmondson C (5), One Town Hall Square (3), Llanharry and the Hairys Farmers (2) and the Red Lion Inn (1).

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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ABOVE: Prop Jamie Uren with the ball, Tim Lunn and Leon McNally in support, while BELOW: Captain Richard Hynia with the ball. Morgan Evans, Alex Davies and Jon Phillips in support
ALL PICTURES BY TRACEY WILLIAMS.



Cowbridge RFC fall to first defeat of the season

COWBRIDGE RFC firsts travelled to Treharris last Saturday looking to consolidate their position at the top of the table.

Unfortunately it was not to be, as the team lost for the first time since January 6.

Despite the atrocious conditions, Cowbridge ran the ball from the off and after 10 minutes, No 8 Dan Holder turned over the ball from a Treharris scrum followed by a superb break by scrum half Hywel Williams, who offloaded to fellow half-back Tom James to canter over.

Cowbridge continued to pressure the home side and the combination of Holder, second row James Darke and prop John Bate came close, only to lose the ball.

Minutes later Cowbridge were held up over the line and soon after, captain Ross Gibbon intercepted and sprinted 50 metres only for his pass to the support deemed to be forward by the referee, who was way behind play.

Then, with a few minutes to go, a stray Cowbridge kick landed in the hands of a Treharris player who sprinted over a breakaway converted try.

With time running out in the first half, a solid Cowbridge scrum allowed Hywel Williams to release brother Riddian, who transferred to

centre Max Cunningham who charged over the line for a fine try. Zac Summerhayes converted for a half-time score of Treharris 7, Cowbridge 12.

Cowbridge continued to run the ball at every opportunity and the outstanding Holder was almost over the line to score – Cowbridge were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty try for blatant offside.

As conditions worsened, the big home pack decided the best policy was to rumble their way up the pitch and this finally paid dividends as they levelled the score with a try.

Then, with seconds to go, Cowbridge were penalised from a lineout on the 22 and, with the last action of the day, over went the penalty for a final score of Treharris 15, Cowbridge 12.

It just wasn't Cowbridge's day. There were plenty of try scoring opportunities but they just weren't clinical enough.

Thanks to all the supporters who turned up, I think they outnumbered the locals!

This Saturday, they are at home against Penarth followed by the second round of the Bowl on October 6 against Penygraig, again at home.

Then on October 13, it's Penygraig again, this time away in the league.

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Wanderers inflict defeat on Athletic

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Athletic captain Ben Howe then intercepted inside his own half, ran and kicked ahead, winning the ball back, and set the backs, through scrum half Aled Thomas, in motion, only for the move to be halted five metres short of the try line, and the Athletic infringing at a ruck allowing the Wanderers off the hook.

Three minutes before half-time, Athletic hooker Nathan Holman broke clear through a ruck on halfway and made good ground before handing on to centre Josh Davies, who drew his man before releasing supporting flanker and man of the match Ben Howe who raced home from 22 metres, holding off the pursuing Wanderers cover.

This was his third try in three games; unfortunately, the touchline conversion attempt went wide.

The Wanderers responded by moving the ball wide. Although wing Sam Palmer halted his opposite number, the Wanderers recycled and moved the ball back inside for scrum half Ross Pritchard to spot a gap in the stretched Athletic defence and race over under the posts. Fish converted to end the half with the Wanderers holding a slender 10-8 lead.

Well-organised defences were very much on top in the



Sean Williams on the attack. PICTURE BY JOHN CANON.

second period with scoring opportunities at a premium. While the Wanderers shaded the lineouts, surprisingly against a very much heavier eight, the superior scrummaging of the three Athletic props used - Matthew Muir, Wayne Fooks and Morgan Clemett and hooker Nathan Holman - backed up by the three locks used - Jonathon Stoker, Ben Cording and Aled Pilliner - consistently pushed back the Wanderers pack, winning several penalties for scrummaging offences trying to stop the scrum momentum. Last season's youth prop Clemett is impressing in his first season of senior rugby.

Athletic full back Dan Howells who had dealt with high kicks with assurance then received a quick lineout throw and raced away to cross the Wanderers' try line - only to be recalled by the referee who wanted the throw retaken.

The Athletic had one more opportunity to win the game but a touchline penalty drifted wide. Back row forwards Ben Davies and Luke Williams finished the game for the Athletic.

On the day a draw would probably have been a fair result. The Athletic can only surmise what would have happened if their prolific goal kicker Jacob Lloyd had not been stretched off.

The Athletic would like to thank club president Wayne Griffiths and his company, Nathaniel Car Sales, for their continued support in sponsoring the fixture.

This Saturday, September 29, the Athletic host Division 2 West Central side Morriston RFC at Newbridge Fields in the first round of the National Plate Cup competition in a game sponsored by Athletic stalwart David Perry and his company Church Village Travel. **AB**

Defeat for Ath seconds and youth

FACING last season's inaugural WRU Conference champions Penallta seconds XV was always going to be a difficult game for Bridgend Athletic second XV.

When, disappointingly, only 13 of the matchday squad turned up this made the task doubly difficult.

The players who did show did themselves and Bridgend Athletic proud with a fighting display in a very physical game played in a generally good spirit on a difficult Newbridge Fields surface.

Man of the match outside half Chris Price and Josh Seldon set the Athletic tone, and Hywel Cosby, with astute tactical kicking, kept Penallta largely pinned in their own half, with the conditions also forcing many handling errors.

Strong ball carrying from the front row of Lewis Down, Matthew Norman and Callum Swinford and these players aided by Matthew Greenman and Liam Griffiths kept the

ball at close quarters and worked well around the corners at rucks and mauls.

Backs Rhys Jones and Grant Edwards also defended bravely. Scrum half Dan James, with support from Owain Leyshon, led many Athletic counter attacks.

Unfortunately, despite the best Athletic efforts it was impossible to cover a strong team like Penallta, creating overlaps with their numerical advantage and running out 29-11 victors on the day.

Owain Leyshon crossed for the Athletic try and Hywel Cosby kicked an Athletic penalty before he was carried off in an incident resulting in a Penallta straight red card.

Late arrival Lloyd Pemberton, who came on as Cosby left the field, kicked the second Athletic penalty.

Hopefully the absent players can return in time to boost the next Athletic Conference challenge, away at Risca this Saturday, September 22. **Following two seasons at the pinnacle of Welsh youth rugby, a young Athletic youth side find**

themselves in a transition with most of the successful youth team now seniors.

They visited a very strong Porthcawl youth team with both sides having won their opening two Ospreys East Division league games.

Porthcawl were too strong for the Athletic on the day. The Athletic coaches were pleased with the attitude and defensive display by the team, but they could not prevent

Porthcawl crossing for two tries in a 15-3 victory.

Outside half Levi Hallett kicked an Athletic penalty goal, while No 8 Ben Owen stood out in the pack and centre Dan Osarigie was outstanding in the back division.

Athletic coaches Paul Obbard and Paul Yardley remarked the team will need to put this defeat behind them and show a positive attitude in training to prepare for this Saturday's cup game.

With good numbers in training they can work on tactics and moves that will help the team improve and with-it future results – the potential is there. **AB**

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Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

BRIDGEND Sports RFC mini and junior section lost out on valuable game time this week as fixtures fell victim to the wet weather.

The under-7s, under-8s, under-9s and under-13s did not get to take the field in their planned away games as the dreaded early morning call came through to advise that pitches were not playable.

Autumn had arrived; this was one of the earliest weeks into a season when fixtures had been cancelled.

Fortunately, a few games survived as the under-12s were at home, the under-10s and under-11s travelled to Pencoed and finally the under-15s had an important Ospreys Cup fixture away to Mumbles.

The under-10s just lost out on keeping their unbeaten start to the season against Pencoed, losing 30-20.

They were expecting a tough encounter and that is exactly what they got.

Their chances were hindered by the fact that they travelled with a light squad as several players were unavailable.

Sports started well with good handling, tackling and rucking, despite the far from ideal conditions, but they conceded an early try.

They responded quickly to level the scores with a try of their own. The lead changed hands a few times with the sides going in to half-time all square 15-15.

The second half continued in much the same way with both sides playing some great rugby in the conditions and Sports scored a further try to edge into a 20-15 lead going into a final quarter.

The small squad size told in the final quarter as they ran out of steam conceding three late tries.

The Sports try scorers were Leo Giraud (2), Jayden Walters and Liam Sales.

The team player of the day award was given to Jayden Walters who played out of his skin with great support play,

rucking and defending.

A special mention is given to Tom Curley and Jack Jenkins who both made their club debuts.

The under-11s also faced Pencoed and put in a fantastic performance.

They matched, and to some extent outplayed, their opponents, scoring three tries through Madison Rees, Daniel May and Gabriel Burroughs before Pencoed responded with a try. The Sports won the first game 5-15.

The score was reversed in the second game as the Sports opted to experiment as they played players out of position to provide all players with equal game time.

Pencoed punished any mistake and ran in three tries before poppet rocket Charlie Paget responded with a try for the Sports.

His efforts could not stop the Sports' form losing the second game 5-15.

Overall, the morning ended with both sides sharing the spoils. All players stuck at in the difficult conditions.



The under-15s team.

The under-12 defeated Briton Ferry 36-7. The Sports had recently played the visitors in a closely-fought game.

Briton Ferry fancied their chances and the Sports knew that the visitors were going to be physical in the ruck area.

The Sports started slowly and did not commit numbers to the breakdown and Ferry frustrated the home team

by slowing the ball and being more organised in defence.

Once the Sports settled and committed numbers to the ruck, they used the possession to send up their ball carriers and Briton Ferry were soon struggling.

A couple of good ball carries by the Sports sucked in the defence and opened the gap for Jack Sperdy to score the

opening try.

This seemed to break the visiting team's resolve and the Sports dominated possession and territory.

Two further tries and two conversions made the score 19-0 at half-time.

More of the same followed in the second half as the Sports enjoyed both territory and possession to produce

three further tries, with one converted, to make the final score 36-7.

Pride of place went to the under-15s this week as they travelled away to Mumbles where they secured an important win the Ospreys Cup, 29-21.

The Sports welcomed back their captain, Will Price and Kady Mader to the line-up.

The Sports dominated from start to finish and

could have taken greater advantage of the overlaps, but tries from Mac Francis (2), Archie Faulkner-Lerway, Rhys Vaughan and Khadier Mader, plus conversions from Owain Peters and Charlie Tomalin-Reeves, sealed a win that was more comfortable than the score suggests. Sam Goodwin made an excellent debut.

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News from the Bridgend Athletic mini and juniors

UNFORTUNATELY, the weather was mainly the winner last weekend with only the under-7s, under-13s and under-16s' games surviving.

The under-7s and under-9s represented the club at the Ospreys v Benetton fixture on Saturday, while the under-13s and under-16s sides recorded wins at Tonyrefail and the under-16s against Maesteg Welsh in a floodlight game at the Old Parish.

The under-7s entered two teams to play half-time tag and both Athletic teams played brilliantly, displaying great evasion and team work to outscore both Maesteg Celtic and Morriston.

The under-9s' match against Llanharan was cancelled due to the weather but the team represented the club

brilliantly by acting as guard of honour for the Ospreys v Benetton match.

The under-13s travelled to Tonyrefail with nearly a full team as injuries and illness still their toll on the squad.

As kick off approached, the sun came out and all 14 players decided it was a good day to play rugby. In slippery conditions, the inter play between backs and forwards was excellent in the first half, with some outstanding handling across the park.

The forwards regularly turned ball over at rucks and in the scrum, leaving the backs to spread the ball across the full width of the pitch. This led to a fully deserved 26-0 half-time lead for the Ath.

In the second half Tonyrefail decided to play tighter to the ruck to see if they could get any more joy, but the superb Ath

defence kept them to only one score with another well-executed team try of their own in response, the final score 31-5 to the Athletic.

Special mention goes to Dan Stoodley for scoring four tries with Dan Honeyfield scoring the other and Charlie Rees with three conversions.

The squad are at home for the first time this season on Sunday, looking forward to welcoming Llantwit Fardre to Newbridge Fields.

The under-16s, with only one fixture so far this season, were grateful to Maesteg Welsh for stepping in and playing them under the Old Parish floodlights last Friday evening.

A large, mainly home, crowd provided plenty of backing for the Maesteg side on a pitch in fantastic condition. With Maesteg only able to

field 14 players, the game was played 14-a-side with each side short of one back.

Both sides showed attacking intent from the off, making for an entertaining spectacle.

The Athletic pack started to gain superiority up front. Good carries from Mike Gillet and Xander Molitika took the Athletic into the Maesteg 22, where fast handling by the backs saw in-form centre Tomos Florence crash over for the opening try, converted by outside half Euan Rees.

Athletic pressure led to a hurried clearance from inside the home 22. This was collected by scrum half Callum Reed who ran into a gap out wide and set up an impressive bout of inter-passing between backs and forwards, culminating in speedster wing Owen D'Adamo outstripping the cover to cross wide out to give the Athletic a 12-0 lead.

Maesteg then set out to stifle the Athletic's enterprise by keeping the ball tight. When they then spread the ball, their hard-running centre made inroads into the Athletic half.

However, when tackled, excellent work in the ruck by Athletic captain Ryan Neale and flanker Fynn Mordecai turned over possession on the Athletic 10 metre line.

Again, good handling saw the ball reach wing D'Adamo who with a trademark hand-off saw off his opposite number before sprinting 40 metres to cross under the posts.

Euan Rees converted to put the Athletic in control with a 19-0 half-time lead.

Spurred on by vociferous support

Maesteg were a different proposition after the break. Some strong carries and a grubber kick saw them win the race and touch down near the posts for a converted try.

The Athletic momentum was also halted by falling foul of the referee at the ruck area, putting Maesteg on the front foot.

It required excellent defence to keep out the rampaging home pack. Having weathered the storm, some excellent carrying by the Athletic pack saw them back in Maesteg territory.

A fantastic powerful run by centre Florence saw him brush aside would-be tacklers before a sublime offload to ever supporting full back Luke Thomas saw him crash over under the posts.

Euan Rees converted to put the Athletic 27-7 ahead.

A series of free-kicks for lineup infringements saw Maesteg back in the game and they had the final say. Turnover ball by the Maesteg pack and quick handling down the blindside saw their wing outstrip the Athletic cover to cross in the corner for the final score of the game and a 24-12 Athletic victory.

Both sides can take a lot of positives from the game played in great spirit by two committed sides – thanks to Maesteg Welsh.

With the fantastic support received by the home side, hopefully the Old Parish will see its fortunes improve and a senior Maesteg side move back up the ranks of the National Leagues.

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The under-9s were guard of honour for the Ospreys and Benetton recently.

Phoenix under-18s battle Nelson

THIS National League match at the Recreation Ground between Pencoed Phoenix under-18s and Nelson under-18s was a well-contested affair throughout.

The visitors opened with a breeze at their backs and territorially had the better of the opening quarter to lead 10-0 with two fine tries from Meg Maul and Nicole Richards.

Phoenix however, slowly but surely, were coming more and more into the game as the half progressed and following sustained pressure through the phases approaching the interval, the ball was moved wide and Catrin Stacey needed no second invitation to arrow over wide out.

The visitors led 10-5 at the interval, this a fair reflection of the half.

The half-time orange certainly did the trick for Phoenix and they opened the second half immediately going on the attack and were rewarded with two tries in two minutes, Jaya White driving over from close range before back row colleague Jade Thomas broke cleanly from 22 metres out to score under the posts; Evie Evans

adding the conversion.

The pick and drive game of the Phoenix pack was now coming to the fore and following close-up driving play from the home eight, Hartpury College student Taylor May Briggs powered over.

Phoenix were soon to extend their lead and a quick tap penalty in the visitors' 22 saw Rosie Carr crash over wide out.

Phoenix then got a sixth try to put the match out of the reach of Nelson at 32-10, Erin Smith racing over in the corner.

To their credit, the visitors fought back and determined driving play from their forwards saw Tyler Morgan get the touchdown.

Phoenix were in no mood, however, to let this one slip, and comfortably closed the match out at 32-15.

This was a fine all-round team performance from Phoenix with the pack laying the foundations for victory, and the Phoenix coaching team commented that the hard work put in on the training ground was now beginning to show.

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Next week (Tuesday, October 2) another full programme of league matches is scheduled. The Red Lion Inn hosts the Highwayman Inn, the One Town Hall Square hosts the Edmondson B, the Edmondson A hosts the Victoria Inn and the Hairys Farmers hosts Llanharry. In addition, the Edmondson C will host the Farmers Arms.

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Indian Honorary Consul appointed Honorary Lieutenant Commander



At the mela (a Sanskrit term for a gathering or celebration) Lieutenant Commander Raj Aggarwal (right) is joined by, among others, the Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan Morfudd Meredith, Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns, Brigadier Graeme 'Jock' Fraser RM, and Commodore Steve Fry RN.

RAJ Aggarwal has been appointed honorary Lieutenant Commander of HMS Cambria, becoming the first Indian-born honorary officer in the Royal Navy.

Lt Cdr Aggarwal, a pharmacist and businessman, was congratulated by Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns and Brigadier Graeme 'Jock' Fraser RM at a military mela. The celebration was attended by *Cambria's* CO Commander Steve Fry RN, India's Naval Attaché Commodore Sameer Saxena, and hundreds of people from the BAME and

other communities.

Lt Cdr Aggarwal, who is also India's Honorary Consul in Wales and healthcare expert, became the first Indian-origin recipient to receive the title as Honorary Lieutenant, which he was appointed to by Admiral Sir Phillip Jones after gaining formal approval from HM The Queen.

Alun Cairns joined the celebration in *Cambria* alongside high ranking members of the British Royal Navy on Sunday to commend Lt Cdr Aggarwal on his new position. He will be affiliated to the Royal Navy vessel HMS *Dragon* in his new role.

Mr Cairns commented: "Raj Aggarwal

will be a huge influence within the Royal Navy. Not only will he bring great knowledge and expertise, but it is important to recognise the greater diversity Lt Cdr Aggarwal's positioning as the only Honorary Royal Navy officer in the whole of Wales will bring to the community."

Mr Cairns continued: "Lt Cdr Aggarwal's appointment is an important moment for those who see their future with the Royal Navy as well as a demonstration of the support and opportunities the Senior Service has to offer those employers at home and overseas in Wales."

Domestic abuse statistics 'shocking but welcome' say ManKind Initiative

MORE than one in five people who report domestic abuse in south Wales are men, new figures show.

The domestic abuse charity, the ManKind Initiative, described the numbers as "shocking but welcome", saying they show that men feel increasingly able to come forward and report abuse.

A freedom of information request submitted by the charity showed that 6,838 men reported being a victim of domestic abuse to South Wales Police in 2017.

In total, 31,458 domestic abuse cases were reported to police, with men the victims in 22 per cent.

It is six times the number of men who reported as victims of domestic abuse in 2014, when they represented 26 per cent of cases. Over the same period, the total number of domestic abuse reports increased by 599 per cent.

While domestic abuse can be violent, the definition can include any controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour. It includes psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse.

Across the 41 of England and Wales's 43 police forces who provided numbers for 2017, 159,000 men reported being victims of domestic abuse – one in every four cases.

Mark Brooks, chairman of the ManKind Initiative, said: "These figures are both shocking yet welcome.

They show the level of domestic abuse against men and the growing confidence they have in coming forward.

"Friends, family and work colleagues are also playing a key part in supporting them and many police forces are actively encouraging men to report."

"These figures should act as a spur for even more men to reach out, as many feel they are the only man in the world this has ever happened to and they suffer in silence behind their front door. They now know they are not alone."

The charity believes there needs to be more done to fund and support domestic abuse services, for both male and female victims. But with just 20 of the country's 3,600 refuge beds reserved for men – 0.8 per cent of the total stock – they feel assumptions about domestic abuse are still to be broken down.

Mr Brooks continued: "Society as a whole is taking a more modern and inclusive view of domestic abuse – increasingly realising that domestic abuse is a crime against women and men in heterosexual and same-sex relationships."

"More always needs to be done to challenge stereotypes, as we still see some people not taking domestic abuse as seriously as they should when a man is a victim, but we are moving in the right direction."

**Joseph Hook,
Data Reporter**

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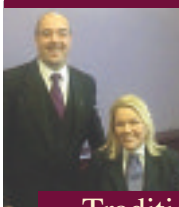
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Family Notices

DAVIES

Valerie Elizabeth Margaret (Val)

Peacefully on 11th September, Val, aged 86 years. Beloved sister of the late Pat and Jen, much loved aunt of Oliver, Gareth and Tracey. Also, a loved great aunt to all her great nieces and nephews. Val will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 5th October at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Royal British Legion c/o the funeral director.

FAIRCHILD

Trina

(aged 57 years of Llantwit Major)

Peacefully at home on 16th September 2018, Trina passed away surrounded by her children and family. Loving mother, sister, nan, auntie and friend.

She will be sadly missed by all that knew her. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon until the service at St. Iltyds Church, Llantwit Major on Tuesday, 2nd October at 2pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.45pm. Flowers to be sent to the funeral director. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie.

HICKS

Bob

Peacefully on Monday, 17th September at Llandough Hospital. Loving father to Robert, Pamela and Andrew, father-in-law to Judith, Nicola and Gordon. Loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

Bob will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Barry until the funeral service at 10am on Friday, 28th September at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, CF62 9PX. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made at the service to The Blind Veterans UK.

PATERSON

David

(Paterson Performance Bikes)

David, loving son, father, grandad, brother and uncle, passed away suddenly on Saturday 15th September.

He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Currently resting at James Summers Funeralcare, Penarth until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 2nd October at 2.15pm. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.

HICKS

John Thomas

Peacefully on 13th September, after a short illness, John, a well-known character within Barry and known for his time within Barry Arts. Much loved dad of Dean and Deborah, loving grampy of Dean Jnr.



He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

John is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Monday, 1st October at 9.45am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home. Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

WALLS

Kenneth Edward

Peacefully, aged 99 years, at The Manor House Nursing Home, St Hilary. Ken, husband of the late Ruth Walls, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, 12th October, service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Sightsavers or RNLI on the day or c/o the funeral director.

WALKER

Albert

(Aged 100 years)

Peacefully at Barry Community Hospital on 24th September 2018. Dearly loved father of Kay and Philip, will be sadly missed by his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, 4th October at Barry Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 2pm.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu would be appreciated to Dementia U.K c/o Green Willow Funerals.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

JONES

Suzanne

(Formerly Jenkins, née Stephens)

9.6.54 - 15.9.18

Positive, brave and glamorous are a few words to describe this amazing lady who lived life to the full and enjoyed being around her many friends and family.



We will be saying our farewell to Suz on Wednesday, 3rd October, 2pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Suzanne was a cherished wife to Graham Jones, mum and step-mum to Rochelle, Renee, Jo and Natalie, nan to 11 grandchildren and a sister, auntie and friend to many! Black attire not compulsory but please wear an item of glitz or glamour.

Donations to Velindre via <https://www.justgiving.com/Suzanne54> instead of flowers. Please continue to post your memories to Suz's Facebook page.

GRIGG

Derek

In memory of Derek, who sadly passed away peacefully on 13th September 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, aged 84 years. A loved husband of the late Karen. Father to James and Steph. Grandfather to Abi and Ben.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in celebration of his life at 10am on Monday, 8th October at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only please. If desired, donations would be appreciated for Friends of the Dogs, Wales c/o Cardiff Dogs Home, Westpoint Industrial Estate, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8JQ.

VENNARD

Thomas Geoffrey

Peacefully on 15th September 2018, aged 67, at College Fields Care Home. Father of Thomas and Calum, brother of John Anthony and uncle of Patrick.

Funeral service will be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, on Thursday, 4th October at 1pm. Formal attire not required.

In place of flowers, donations, if desired, to Headway - The Brain Injury Association, can be made at the end of the service.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until the day of the service. For any information telephone 01446 733844.

AYRES

Gaynor Ann

Suddenly but peacefully on 18th September 2018 after a long illness, Gaynor, aged 51 years. Much loved mum to Gareth, Daniel, Luke, Victoria and Elizabeth. Adored daughter of Baba and the late Vera, loved sister of Diane, Julie, Colin and the late Amanda.

Gaynor will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 3rd October at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent or donations in lieu, if so desired, for Velindre Hospital c/o the funeral director. Gentlemen to wear colourful ties please.

ROBERTS

Eric

Peacefully on 20th September at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Eric, aged 88 years, of The Lodge, Colwinston. Dearly loved husband of the late Valma, much loved father of Susan, Paul and Melanie. Father-in-law to Paul, Margaret and Keith, loving grampy to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eric will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Thursday, 4th October. Service at St. Michael's All Angels Church, Colwinston at 12 noon, followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be made to the British Heart Foundation or Diabetes UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

MORRIS

Corinne (née Roe)

Peacefully on 19th September at the Waverley Care Home, Penarth, Corinne Morris (née Roe) passed away, aged 92. Better known as Co, she ran, with her husband Den, Gladstone Stores in Gladstone Road very successfully, in the 1960s and 1970s before becoming Nanny Co to Rachel and Nicholas.



A Requiem Mass will take place at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Tuesday, 2nd October at 10.30am, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Simon and family wish to thank all the staff at the former Bryneithin, Ty Dyfan and The Waverley for their exceptional care.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis, telephone 01446 407962.

JONES

Catherine Myfanwy (Kitty)

Yn dawel yn Ysbytyr Barri ar Fedi'r 11eg, bu farw Kitty - chwaer i'r diweddar Lyn ac Alun, chwaer-yng-nghyfraith i Celia ac annwyl fodryb i Ann, Lewis a Hywel, Morgan, Eluned a Gwynfor.

Ganed Kitty yn Maesteg oed bu'n byw yn y Barri ers 1939. Bu'n athrawes yn Ysgol Gynradd Gladstone am tua 30 mlynedd. Yn 93 oed, teimlir ei cholled gan baw oedd yn ei hadnabod.

Gwasanaeth o ddiolch yn Amlsgfa Thornhill ddydd Gwener, Hydref 5ed am 1.30yp.

Cyfraniadau yn lle blodau i Hosbis Marie Curie, Penarth (trwy law'r ymgymwrwr A.G. Adams Funeralcare).

At the age of 93 years old, Kitty passed away peacefully at Barry Hospital on September 11th - sister to the late Lyn & Alun, sister-in-law to Celia, much loved aunt to Ann, Lewis & Hywel and great-aunt to Morgan, Eluned & Gwynfor.

Born in Maesteg and moving to Barry in 1939, Kitty was a fondly respected teacher for around 30 years at Gladstone Primary School. She will be much missed by all who knew her.

Service of thanksgiving at Thornhill Crematorium on Friday, October 5th at 1.30pm.

In lieu of flowers, any donations to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth (c/o funeral director A.G. Adams Funeralcare).

Good Luck

Lisa Austin

GOOD LUCK

to our wonderful granddaughter, on Saturday, 29th September at 11am, for the launch of the new Childrens Park in St Athan.

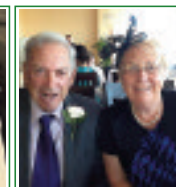
Lisa has worked so hard to get this park.

Lots of love Lisa, from Nanny Mave, Grampa Fred and all your family xxx

Golden Anniversary

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(of Rhose)

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28 September



Love from
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all the grandchildren and
great grandchildren
xxx

In Memory

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

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Missing you so much.
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xxx

In Loving Memory of my
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Shaun Glyn Andrews

27 September

In the Kingdom of Heaven we love and miss you.
Love Mum, sister Laura, your daughter Nikita, son
Kade, nephew Diego Che xxx

WELLS

Graham John

26 September

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2018/00944/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Change of use of the first floor from flat into 1 No. Bed and Breakfast accommodation with external access stair relocated, and 1 No. private dining room for use by the restaurant below
Location:/Lleoliad:
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Hare and Hounds Inn, Maendy Road, Aberthrin
Aberthrin

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2018/00990/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: First floor rear extension, hip to gable roof extension, front and rear dormers, with balconies to front and rear. Also the creation of an additional second floor flat and external alteration works
Location:/Lleoliad:
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: 21, Station Road, Dinas Powys
Dinas Powys

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2018/00997/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Plot 1, proposed detached dwelling in garden of Corntown Court
Location:/Lleoliad:
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Corntown Court, Corntown, Ewenny
Affecting Corntown Court, Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2018/00998/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Plot 2, proposed detached dwelling in garden of Corntown Court
Location:/Lleoliad:
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Corntown Court, Corntown, Ewenny
Affecting Corntown Court, Grade II

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 27 September, 2018

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager,
Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT



Public Notice Licensing Act 2003

To whom it may concern:
I, Hayley Jennings, do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at:

Llantwit Major AFC, Changing Rooms, Windmill Lane Playing Fields, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan known as Llantwit Major AFC/Cricket Club.

The application is for Sale of alcohol on the premises/provision of regulated entertainment/provision of facilities for regulated entertainment/provision of late night refreshments.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the Application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours.

It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Signed: Hayley Jennings

Date: 26/09/2018

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Dennis Kitt trading as Beamish Trading Ltd of Hanger 872, Picketston Site, St Athan Aerospace Business Park, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 4QR is applying for a licence 872 Picketston Site, St Athan Aerospace Business Park, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 4QR as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

J.P. Grant trading as United Worldwide Logistics of Unit 1 Pencoed Technology Park, Pencoed, CF35 5AQ is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To keep an extra 0 goods vehicles and 4 trailers at the operating centre at Unit 1 Pencoed Technology Park, Pencoed, CF35 5AQ.

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Reserves forced to settle for a point

L L A N T W I T MAJOR AFC reserves travelled to Aberdare to face Llwydcoed in their second game in the Welsh reserve league.

Ian Phillips, who rejoined from Llanharry, was given a start and the team welcomed Stephen Phillips and Aaron Wrigley to the starting line-up.

The game began with Llantwit controlling the game, forcing the home team back into their own half with Lewis Brown finding speedster Chris Vinson in space to cause the opposition problems.

The Major had the better of the chances with Max Morgan, Stephen Phillips and Josh Morgan all having moments which could have given their team the lead, but luck wasn't on their side.

Against the run of play it was the home side who broke the deadlock from a corner, a back post free header giving goalkeeper Carl Roberts no chance and Llantwit were undeservedly behind.

With Llantwit doing everything but score in the first half it didn't take long for that to change in the second, as a Gethin Jennings flick to Morgan Gore saw him in

space behind their back four, and a clever ball across goal saw talisman Josh Morgan tap the ball in from five yards.

It wasn't all plane sailing in the second half as Llantwit pushed for a second which left defenders Ian Phillips, Joe Cutter and Aaron Wrigley all under pressure.

However the scares diminished as captain Cutter made numerous last-ditch tackles and some vital clearances which later won him the man of the match.

The match finished 1-1 with the reserves having enough chances to take all three points. However, there plenty of positives to take as the team played eye-catching football, creating lots of chances with young Lewis Brown performing excellently at the heart of midfield.

This Saturday the reserves are at home against fellow newcomers Penydarren.

Team: C.Roberts, J.Phillips, J.Cutter, A.Wrigley, M.Gore, C.Vinson, L.Brown, Gethin Jennings, J.Morgan, M.Morgan, S.Phillips. Substitutes: J.Davies, M.Gingel, R.Malton.

JT

Tigers face the Old Penarthians

L L A N T W I T MAJOR RFC under-13s Tigers were away again this week for an early start at a wet, but welcoming, Old Penarthians RFC.

Asked beforehand to focus specifically on forward patterns and defensive organisation, the team took everything on board and showed real application during the game.

With a few injuries taking their toll on the Tigers, Old Pens' pace out wide ultimately proved to be the difference, but at the end both teams knew they had been in a really competitive game.

Man of the match was Ryan Daw who, on debut for the team, tackled everything and contributed hugely to what is developing into a very competitive forward unit.

Ryan is playing up a

year from the under-12s, but showed such maturity and rugby know-how that no one would have known.

Additional credit must go to Kai Harris, Kelyn Joseph and Kian Barnett who kept working hard even when injured, to Ollie Gale and Blake Gifford for playing out of position on the wings and to the parents of all players for getting everyone to the early start.

Congratulations go to Old Penarthians for their victory, but it's great to see the Tigers continuing to take forward steps.

Llantwit Major: Kian Barnett, Flynn Barry, Dan Bartlett, Ryan Daw, Robert Dixon, Ollie Gale, Thomas George, Blake Gifford, Ethan Harding, Kai Harris, Carwyn John (c), Tom Jones, Kelyn Joseph, Tom Lamerton and Tom Sheldon.

SJ

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Birthday
Thanks*

Thank you to both my families and to all the friends who came to my party on Friday, 21st September.

Also, many thanks for the lovely cards and presents which I received.

I had a great time and I hope that you did too.

Lots of love from Ruthie

Rhosee Lifeguards met by eight-foot surf at championships

RHOOSE Lifeguards recently returned from competing at the National Surf Life Saving Championships in Holywell Bay, Cornwall.

The championships, contested over the course of a week, saw the Masters kicking off the event with two days of competition, followed by the Youth and finishing off with the Nippers over three days.

The Masters were met with very challenging sea conditions, with the surf reaching 8ft on the second day of competition.

The first medal for Rhosee came from Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, easily winning gold in the Masters Ladies over 50 Board race, with the biggest winning margin of the championships. Karen Hopkin took the silver medal.

Karen went on to win the over 50 Single Ski and took gold in the Double Ski with Karen Hopkin.

Karen O'Donoghue-Harris added to her medal tally with a silver in the over 50s Beach Sprint and a silver in the over 50s Beach Flags.

The small Rhosee Masters team of Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Karen Hopkin, Melissa Downton, Lisa Sullivan, Natalie Gibson, Liz Wong, Charlotte Hobrough, Sian Laycock

and Damon Gibson came 14th overall, out of 25 teams competing.

Following on from the Masters, it was the turn of the Youth. Thankfully, the conditions were not so challenging, but the surf was still testing for some.

Results for Rhosee were: Female 13 years Board Race – Xantia Hobrough Bronze; Female 13 years 1km Run – Evie Watkins Gold, Gwenno Goode Silver; Female 13 years Beach Flags – Xantia Hobrough Silver; Female 15 years Beach Flags – Evie Wong Gold; Female 13 years Beach Sprint – Evie Watkins Gold, Xantia Hobrough Bronze; Female 15 years Beach Sprint – Evie Wong Gold.

There were some great performances in the individual and team events from all the Rhosee competitors. The small team of Xantia Hobrough, Elena Gibson, Gwenno Goode, Evie Watkins, Evie Wong, Ella Bulma, Francesca Hopkins, Kiera Harris, Finn Sullivan and Ollie Wong came a respectable 14th out of 22 clubs competing in the Youth category.

The final event of the Championships saw the Nippers take to the sea and beach with some great racing from all.

Results were Zander Hobrough – Gold Swim; Maximus Hobrough – Silver Swim; Connie Miller – Gold Swim and

Gold in the Golden Nipper; Evie Watkins – Gold 1K Run and Gold in the Sprint; Gwenno Goode – Silver 1K Run and Amber Laycock – Gold Flags and Bronze in the Beach Sprint. The Beach Relay

events saw the girls aged 8-9 take a Silver and the 12-13 year olds take gold.

Overall, the Nippers were 12th out of 29 teams competing – a great effort from our youngest members.



The junior team.

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Schedule

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Sul 7 Hydref 2018	1/ A4055 – Cogan Spur (ar gau tua'r ddau gyfeiriad) o'r gyffordd ag A4160 Heol Penarth tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain at fin y sir. 2/ A4160 – Windsor Road (Cogan Hill) ar gau tua'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd ag A4055 Cogan Spur at y gyffordd â Marconi Avenue, bydd hyn yn cynnwys y gylchfan ym Marconi Avenue, ond caniateir i draffig adael Penarth tua'r gogledd-orllewin yn unig. 3/ A4160 – Heol Penarth (ar gau tua'r ddau gyfeiriad) o'r gyffordd ag A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road tua'r gogledd-orllewin yn gyffredinol at fin y sir â Chae'rdd wrth Afon Elai. 4/ A4055 – Barry Road o'r gyffordd ag A4160 Heol Penarth tua'r de-orllewin yn gyffredinol at y gyffordd â Penlan Road yng nghyffordd Merrie Harrier i Landochau (bydd y ffordd hon ar gau i draffig tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain yn unig ac yn caniatáu traffig i adael o Benarth i gyffordd Merrie Harrier). 5/ Bryn Landochau (ar gau tua'r ddau gyfeiriad), o'r gyffordd â Heol Penarth am bellter o tua 210m tua'r gorllewin yn gyffredinol. 6/ Marconi Avenue (ar gau tua'r ddau gyfeiriad), o'r gyffordd ag A4160 Windsor Road (Cogan Hill) at y gyffordd â Terra Nova Way, yn cynnwys cychfan Terra Nova Way. 7/ Terra Nova Way (tua'r ddau gyfeiriad) ar ei hyd. 8/ Penarth Portway (ar gau tua'r ddau gyfeiriad) rhwng Terra Nova Way a maes parcio'r morglawdd, yn cynnwys y gylchfan yn y gyffordd â Terra Nova Way. 9/ Paget Road (Dock Road) (ar gau tua'r ddau gyfeiriad), ar gau rhwng y gyffordd â Paget Terrace a Penarth Portway, yn cynnwys y gylchfan yn y gyffordd â Penarth Portway.	09.00am tan 12.00 hanner dydd

Bydd arwyddion gwyrddau. Bydd gwyrddau ffordd ar gyfer defnyddwyr na allent ddefnyddio A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road ac A4160 Heol Penarth, ar hyd B4267 Penlan Road a Heol Lecwydd; oherwydd pont waelod Bryn Lecwydd, ni fydd y ffordd hon yn addas i gerbyddau trymha'n 7.5 tunnell (11 tunnell os mai cerbyd gwasanaethau cyhoeddus ar ffordd leol, cerbyd y Gwasanaethau Brys neu gerbyd Cynnal Prifffyrdd yr Awdurdod Lleol ydynt), bydd yn rhaid i gerbyddau mwy deithio ar hyd A4231 Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri ac A4050 Port Road.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 CARDIFF HALF MARATHON - PENARTH

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2018

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said Schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles **with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles** between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 7th October 2018	1/ A4055 – Cogan Spur (closed in both directions) from its junction with the A4160 Penarth Road in a north easterly direction to the county boundary. 2/ A4160 – Windsor Road (Cogan Hill) closed in a south easterly direction from its junction with the A4055 Cogan Spur to its junction with Marconi Avenue, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at Marconi Avenue, though it will still allow traffic to exit Penarth in a north westerly direction only. 3/ A4160 – Penarth Road (closed in both directions) from its junction with the A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road in a generally north westerly direction to the county boundary with Cardiff at the river Ely. 4/ A4055 – Barry Road from its junction with the A4160 Penarth Road in a generally south westerly direction to its junction with Penlan Road, at the Merrie Harrier junction Llandough (this road will only be closed to northeast bound traffic, this will allow traffic to exit from Penarth to the Merrie Harrier junction). 5/ Llandough Hill (closed in both directions), from its junction with Penarth Road for a distance of approximately 210m in a generally westerly direction. 6/ Marconi Avenue (closed in both directions), from its junction with the A4160 Windsor Road (Cogan Hill), to its junction with Terra Nova Way, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at Terra Nova Way. 7/ Terra Nova Way (both directions), throughout its length. 8/ Penarth Portway (closed in both directions), between Terra Nova Way and the barrage car park, including the gyratory of the roundabout at its junction with Terra Nova Way. 9/ Paget Road (also known as Dock Road) (closed in both directions), will also be closed between its junction with Paget Terrace and Penarth Portway, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at its junction with Penarth Portway.	09.00am to 12.00noon

Signed diversions shall be in operation. For traffic unable to use A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road and A4160 Penarth Road diversions will be in place via the B4267 Penlan Road and Leckwith Road, due to a weak bridge at the bottom of Leckwith Hill this route will be unsuitable for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes (11 tonnes if they are a public service vehicle on a local route, Emergency Service vehicles or local Authority Highway Maintenance vehicles), larger vehicles will have to travel via the A4231 Barry Docks Link, and A4050 Port Road.

Dated this 27th day of September 2018
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Dolly Mixtures 217 (P. Simmons, N. Shaw & L. Coleman 23), La Belles 244 (S. Peacock 28); Bakers Dozen 272 (M. Rocket 33), Coppers 260 (M. Parsons 28); Allsorts 283 (R. Dawe 35), Special Angels 253 (T. Scully & T. Jones 25); Family & Friends 235 (J. Jones & R. Cummings 25), Sea View Gals 237 (M. Richards 30).

Division 2:

Persuaders 218 (C. Thomas 26), Rhosee Starlights 219 (L. Davies 24); Roller Coasters 200 (G. Giles 21), Challengers 246 (L. Hibbard 24); Colcot Ladies 246 (D. Mansbridge 27), Clickies 208 (D. Batt 26).

Division 3:

Divin on a Spare 315 (M. Pring 34), Boozy Birds 345 (L. Weaver 36); Little Misfits 203 (D. Eason 26), Twilights 182 (S. Davies 22); W. Wanderers 309 (C. Morrissey 40), Odd Bods 261 (S. Hazelwood 33); Optimists 198 (S. Playle 32), Nite Outers 183 (V. McGowan 24).

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Four stars for Citroen's Flair – review by Tony Yates

I'M going to start by saying I like the design of the C3 and the reason for me coming to this easy conclusion is simple – I personally like a decent compact vehicle that can do all of the things a family man like me wants.

I mean things such as the family school run, those weekly trips to the shops, or the odd weekend away. I also like a vehicle that's able to go where others would normally fail.

Of course the beefy ride height and flared arches can be a little off-putting for some – but believe me, this really is a little corker.

Power and Efficiency: The C3 I had on test was powered by a 3-cylinder

1199cc – 6-speed turbocharged petrol engine that has 110HP and a very respectable top speed of 117mph, plus a 0-62 time of 9.3 seconds, which in my book is not bad for a 3 cylinder. Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of 61.4 mpg.

On the road: It's a little soft, but into the corners, it feels very well balanced. A big plus for the C3 is that it has a decent amount of torque, in fact 205Nm of it – which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear; which surprisingly, made the C3 a joy to drive no matter what the road conditions were doing.

The brakes also felt good and firm.

As for the suspension, it actually absorbs England's bumpy roads really well although as I said earlier, the ride



was a little soft.

Design and Technology: On the inside, the interior is not bad but I don't like how Citroen have mixed up the interior colours. Although, on a positive note it does have easy-to-read dials and

all the controls are in the right place and well set out.

There is, however, a small problem. Some of the interior plastics feel a little 'scratchy' and I would have liked a smoother feel to them.

I know you have to spend less to keep the price down for the consumer but sometimes it's worth going that little bit further if it means you get something that feels a little bit more upmarket.

Standard equipment is good such as: black airbump, coloured fog light surround, roof coloured door mirrors, leather steering wheel, leather gear knob, lighting and visibility, front fog lights, auto-dimming electro-chrome rear view mirror, alarm, automatic lights and windscreen wipers, dark tinted rear windows, rear parking sensors,

reversing camera, red bi-tone roof, red door mirrors and fog light surrounds, 17 inch diamond cut 'Cross' alloy wheels, black roof capsule graphic, Citroën Connect Nav with TomTom mapping, Citroën Connect Box Emergency and Assistance System, active safety brake, Driver Attention Alert, Collision Risk Alert and intelligent beam headlights.

You also get a brilliant media sound system which includes satellite navigation, a seven-inch colour touch-screen display, DAB radio tuner and Bluetooth audio with USB connectivity.

To sum up: I'm going to give the C3 four stars in this test, not only because I like its looks, but also because I believe it's worth taking a look at if you are in the market for a compact SUV.

Price: £15,750 (from).

Barry Athletic hold presentation night for young cricketers



ON Friday, September 14, Barry Athletic cricket youth section hosted its annual presentation to celebrate a momentous 2018 season with over 220 people in attendance.

The evening was hosted at Barry Athletic Cricket Club with a number of VIPs in attendance including Barry Round Table, Kiran Carlson from Glamorgan Cricket and the Mayor of the Vale, Leighton Rowlands.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Barry Athletic cricket junior co-ordinator Mark Ellis. Mark was ably assisted throughout the season by a team of coaches representing the under-9 and under-11 teams.

With the club competing brilliantly in the Cardiff & Vale Junior cricket league; it was important to recognise a number of major achievements throughout the season.

These included notable wins against Penarth, St Fagans and Cowbridge and running two successful All Stars programme with All Stars progressing into the under-9s team; the winter All Stars programme was held at Colcot Sports Hall with new activators being trained to coach the



juniors; attending Glamorgan T20 games and several players attending Glamorgan training camps at the Swalec Stadium.

The evening began with outdoor games which were great fun and even though the showers meant there was a premature end to the outside activities the children were then entertained by Simon Sparkles, a local magician.

Kiran Carlson from Glamorgan was in attendance and joined in the fun along with the Mayor of the Vale Leighton Rowlands.

A big thank you to local supermarkets Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons and Waitrose who provided the food for the BBQ.

The awards ceremony consisted of individual awards to 44 children and 16 awards were handed out for individual performances.

The full list of winners is as follows:-

Player's player of the



year – Will Morgan;
Under-9 winners:
batsman of the year: Gruff Jones; bowler of the year: Rohan Banga; most improved player: Jensen Williams;
coaches player of the year: Nathan Skinner; fielder of the year: Toby Gadd.

Under-11B winners:
batsman of the year: Charlie Ingram; bowler of the year: Will Morgan; most improved player: Owen Scott; coaches player of the year: Mathys Venter; fielder of the year: Osian-Wyn Rudge.

Under-11A winners:
batsman of the year: Joseph Jones; bowler of the year: Rhidian Jones; most improved player: Cai Barker; coaches player of the year: James Miller; fielder of the year: Zac Edwards.

A cheque was presented by the Mayor of the Vale for £250 as part of the Mayor's Foundation helping local community organisations such as Barry Athletic Cricket Club.

The evening finished with flowers presented to tea lady and bar person Claire Usswald, to Cynthia Ellis and Nina Ray for all the behind the scenes work and to Michelle Skinner and Alex McGregor for their help and assistance with the under-9s.

A raffle raised £124 towards the running costs of the club and the junior section would like to thank the following coaches for their help during the season: Tommy Miller, Mark Williams, Ricky Hutton, Dickie Eastman, Mark Rees, Glan Williams, Wesley Baker, Ashley Baker, Peter Hellyar, Conrad Venter and Kristan Evans.

Mark Ellis announced that he would be standing down from both the junior co-ordinator and the child welfare officer role with immediate effect so if anyone is interested in taking on the position please contact the club secretary, Mark Rees.

ME



Tennis players celebrated at annual awards evening



B A R R Y Community Tennis Club hosted its annual presentation evening at Barry Yacht Club recently.

The evening was attended by players and their families and commenced with a summary of the club's achievements so far in 2018, starting with the award of Tennis Wales Community Venue of the year in January, and recently culminating in both the 8u and ladies doubles teams finishing their summer seasons by narrowly missing out on the top position in their respective divisions in the south Wales leagues.

While the men's team did not fare as well, the fact that all fixtures in summer 2018 were honoured is testament to the growth of the club in just over three years, and the increasing depth of its player base.

Following a buffet enjoyed by over 80 guests, the main business of the evening, the presentation of the club championships trophies (sponsored by local business United Carpets) and various individual achievement awards, took place (full list of

winners below).

Additionally, presentations were made to team captains and to the juniors who assist at sessions with younger players, as tennis leaders.

There was also a raffle, generously supported by a number of local businesses, and the club is proud to be supporting and supported by the local community.

The club is running a coaching programme throughout the winter, with sessions for all ages and abilities, and will be represented in the South Wales Doubles League with a ladies and a mixed team.

To find out more about getting involved, please check our noticeboard at Romilly Park courts or look at our social media accounts or email info@barrytc.co.uk.

Championship winners - ladies singles: Alison Williams; **ladies doubles:** Penny Mickelsen and Alison Williams; **men's singles:** Tom Butler-Sainsbury; **juniors: Zak Hill; 11u girls:** Grace Mickelsen; **11u boys:** Sam Jones; **11u doubles:** Grace Mickelsen and Poppy Jean Williams; **8u girls singles:** Julia Papierowska; **8u girls**



doubles: Julia Papierowska & Marta Szymanowicz; **8u boys singles:** Ethan Ashburner; **8u boys doubles:** Ethan Ashburner & Osian Cane.

Achievement awards - fastest on court: Jake Papierowski; **most cheerful player:** Piotr Szymanowicz; **all-rounder:** Chloe Bates;



most improved: Kirsten Jones; **best newcomer:** Charlie Bowmer; **most consistent:** Erin Goddard; **most sportswomanlike:** Lacie Robinson-Goddard; **coach of the future:** Scott Mickelsen; **most determined:** Danny Mickelsen; **most respectful:** Aaron Price.

PM

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge Club for September 24 are as follows:

First David Melville and David Birt, 67.27 per cent; second Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 62.92 per cent; third Mike Pownall and Tony Disley, 61.36 per cent.

LE

News from on and off the turf with Brian Lee



Charlie Price winning on Noble Athlete.

AMATEUR rider Charlie Price, 20, who is based at Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard in the Vale, is making a bold bid for the Arabian Horse Racing Jockeys' Championship title and has ridden one more winner than top rider Simon Walker with just one more meeting to be held before the end of the Arabian horse racing season.

Charlie has ridden nine winners compared to the eight won by 10-times champion Simon Walker, who last took the title in 2016 when Charlie won the novice riders' championship. Also on the eight winner mark with Walker is Will Pettis.

At the recent Chelmsford City

Arabian horse race meeting Charlie, riding Delyth Thomas' 16-year-old *Noble Athlete*, won the Totesport Supports UK Arabian Horse Racing final after making all the running under top weight of 10st, 7lbs to score by two lengths from Johara.

Charlie has ridden the legendary *Noble Athlete* to five of his 18 victories and on the day he was also was placed third on *Noble Athlete's* stable-companions *Paramer Angel* and *Callymay*.

Delyth Thomas of Aberkenfig as a young lady used to ride successfully at unlicensed (flapping) meetings and she bought *Noble Athlete* at the Ascot Sales for 3,200 guineas when he was just a three-year-old.

Noble Athlete used to have bad tendons but Mrs Thomas, who has also trained winners under Rules and between-the-flags, gave



Delyth Thomas, Brett Norris and Delyth's granddaughter Becca Thomas.

him plenty of tender love and care which has paid off handsomely over the years.

In my book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (St David's Press), I tell how Mrs Thomas was the centre of attention after a controversial betting coup when her horse, *Am I Blue*, ran out an easy winner of a hurdle race at Hereford races in 2010.

Mrs Thomas, who was completely cleared of any wrongdoing by the British Horse Racing Authority, told me later that she had only had a few pounds for luck on her horse on the tote.

Cowbridge's Dean Coleman was originally down to ride *Am I Blue*

but was replaced by champion jockey Richard Johnson.

As one reporter put it at the time: "There was outrage in some quarters and amusement in others."

ISABEL LOSES

BY A NOSE

ISABEL Williams of Llancarfan, riding the top-weighted *Voodoo Doll* trained by her father Evan Williams, a former national point-to-point champion rider, failed by the official minimum distance (a nose) to catch *Monday Club*, partnered by Alan Doyle, in the Weekend Sentinel Novices' Handicap Hurdle over two miles at Uttoxeter on Sunday.

Earlier in the day

Isabel had finished third in the Sentinel May Un Mar Lady Handicap Hurdle on *Gold Bonne Raine* behind the Don McCain-trained *Handy Hollow* and *Midnight Aurora*.

ERIC IS FIRST

ERIC The Third, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthyn, was first past the post in the Core Spreads Novices' Handicap Chase at Plumpton on Sunday.

Well ridden by Alan Johns *Eric The Third*, who went off the 5-2 favourite, won by three-and-three-quarter lengths from *King Cnut*.

BRIAN LEE

Good season all round for Central

THE 2018 bowls season at Barry Central has seen improvements in both male and female sections of the club, through playing standards and an influx of new members.

While always looking for new players, those that, this season, have joined the club have enabled teams to play nearly all matches with full rinks. This has led to improved results for both male and female teams.

After slow starts to the season, results for both sections became consistently better. The male team won four of its last five matches, producing strong winning results.

If it had not been for the team losing two matches by one shot, and one match by two shots, who knows, the team could have ended up as league champions.

The ladies' section has also improved their league results, to be placed quite comfortably within their league.

Once again, mention must be made of the new members, all playing bowls for the first time. The progress that they have made has been extremely pleasing.

All played in club competitions, resulting in some reaching, and winning finals. What is required in the club going forward are experienced players, who can help the new players develop their game

skills.

The season has also seen an improvement in members making use of the green and clubhouse. It is somewhere for members to go, meet fellow members, male and female, which is a godsend for those who are on their own.

This season has also seen an increase in the general public wishing to have access to toilets - Gladstone Park may have a Green Flag Award, but it does not have toilets!

As part of the end of season activities, the captains of both sections invited members to join them in Captain's Day events, before providing refreshments for them.

Last week saw the presentation of club trophies to competition winners and runners-up. Plans are also well advanced for the annual Christmas dinner, that will take place in December.

As with other clubs we await the decisions the Vale Council propose to make regarding the maintenance of the club and members have already stated that they are prepared to take on some of the maintenance work at the club - if allowed.

If the future remains bright for the club, and new players wish to become members, contact Jennifer Morgan 01446 412976 (ladies) and John Selley 02920 531231 (men).

BC

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Super Seniors victory for Charles at Cottrell Park



THE annual 'Super Seniors' golf competition, organised for those members of Cottrell Park Golf Club who are aged 70 and over, was held recently on the Mackintosh course at Cottrell Park sponsored by The Golden Mile Restaurant, Corntown and

which attracted 35 participants.

Following a keenly contested competition Colwinston resident Charles Vicary with 39 stableford points was crowned the Super Seniors Champion for 2018 when scoring 39 stableford points. Runner-up with 38 points was Steve Cross followed by Ray Reakes who finished in third place

with 37 points. Henry Filer also with 37 points finished fourth.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Henry Filer, George Duncanson, Mike Quick and Ray Reakes; and Peter Fryer hit the longest drive down the 18th hole to win the longest drive prize.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

BARRY Athletic remain undefeated atop of the Vale Premier Division but required a goal five minutes from time to see off St Athan in an enthralling encounter at the Athletic Ground.

Josh Bell (2) and Harry Carter got the goals that send Athletic eight points clear, however, they have played two more games than nearest rivals Rhoose.

Only one other game in the Premier Division, as rain battered the Vale on Saturday, Penarth Town did the same to Cowbridge Town as they rained down goals in a huge 8-0 victory.

In Division One, the Holton Road train kept plowing on through all in their path, a 5-2 victory over Cadoxton Imps kept their 100 per cent record intact and them six points clear at the top having played a game less than second place.

Second place is Cardiff Airport, who got back to winning ways after three losses in a row with a 5-0 win over Cwm Talwg. Cadoxton Barry's indifferent form continued as they went down 2-0 to Tynewydd, the win

puts Tynny fourth.

In Division Two, Rhoose B kept their perfect record with a 2-1 win over Barry Athletic B. St Athan B kept up their good form and three points off top with a big 3-2 win over Barry Vikings.

Cadoxton Athletic also remain in the mix in the third as they beat Island Marine B 2-0 to stay third and six points off the leaders with a game in hand.

After three losses, Penarth Town B got a win with a 3-1 victory over out of form Vale Madrid.

Finally, the first round of the SWFA Cup was played Saturday with a handful of games in more of a provisional round to set up the second round proper.

The only Vale team in this round was Rhoose and they advanced with a massive, comprehensive 11-0 demolition of Cwm Rhondda. Rhoose now join Barry Athletic, Island Marine, Barry Saints, St Athan and Cowbridge Town as the Vale league representation in the second round.

This week sees a full league program with Rhoose playing Island Marine in the match of the day and a Cadoxton derby in Division One.



The Taplin team pick up their gold medals.

Local athletes star for Team GB!

THE Great British surf lifesaving youth team has recently returned from the European championships in Killee, Limerick, Ireland.

The team consists of six girls and six boys, who were all selected from a series of trials back in May and June. Four of the team this year are Welsh, an impressively high proportion in comparison to previous years!

The team as a whole did extremely well in Ireland, coming fourth overall behind Italy, Germany and the champions, Spain.

The competition is split in two parts: the beach competition and the pool competition. Team GB are traditionally weaker in the pool, so when they came fourth in the pool competitions it exceeded everyone's expectations.

The biggest achievement for the team, however, was winning the beach competition by a storm!

The team took home eight individual European titles on the beach, and overall won 14 gold

medals, 14 silvers and five bronze, which is an amazing achievement.

The Welsh girls did extremely well in their team events too. They won the Taplin relay. The team consisted of Millie Wiggins (Llantwit Major) on the Ski leg, Ellie McCoy (Porthcawl) on the board, Emma Kendall (Cornwall) on the swim and Meriel Clode (Ogmore-by-Sea) on the final sprint.

They also had silver in both the tube rescue and board rescue – the tube rescue team consisted of Rosie Boulton (Cornwall) who was the person in distress, Meriel Clode (Ogmore-by-Sea) the rescuer, and Ellie McCoy (Porthcawl) and Jess Hancock (North of England) were the beach support.

The team will head out to Australia in November for the world championships, so they have two months of hard training ahead in order to get fit, as the competition will undoubtedly be harder with the Australian and New Zealand teams on the start line!

Chess teams are up and running

THE East Glamorgan Chess League is now well and truly up and running.

With the Barry club entering a fifth team, we may have a number of weeks when three teams will be playing at the same time. Hopefully we will have the resources to complete all the extra matches.

This week saw the first time for many years with Barry hosting three separate clubs playing in three separate divisions – could we manage to continue our excellent start to the season.

It was no surprise for the Stauntons in Division 4 to be the first match to be completed. Our opponents, Penarth Piers, had a team that on paper was much stronger than ours.

Their top three boards all out rated our players by an average of 300 points but the bottom two boards were equally rated.

Sian Balchin gained our first point in a match that was over in less than 30 minutes. Ray Denyer also earned his first point of the season in his first match to give us a two point lead.

In my match with Mike Servini, I thought I had an advantage, but in an effort to stop him doubling his rooks it was clear repetition would determine the result so a draw meant we wouldn't lose the match, but our other players in the longer matches were unsuccessful so the points were shared.

The Quarks in Division 3 faced a much stronger than anticipated

Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Barry Beavers take Welsh title

BARRY Beavers became the Welsh National Champions for the second year in succession on September 15, when they attended the annual Welsh National Astra 15 Gala for disabled swimmers.

This was held in Ebbw Vale Sports Centre where Barry Beavers entered a team of 25 swimmers, coached by Patricia Finch and Linda Savory.

They won a total of eight gold individual medals and also the junior relay team won gold. The gala team won many other medals in silver and bronze too.

This led to Barry Beavers winning by a margin of over 20 points. The eight gold medalists and the four members of the junior gala team will now go on to represent Wales at the UK National gala in Sevenoaks in Kent on

Look out for future reports on how the members get on in London, any support the club receives is always very much appreciated.

For more information on joining the Beavers contact Patricia Finch club secretary on 07517 121729.

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When point-to-point came to the Vale – part six

ANOTHER extract from Brian Lee's long out of print The Races Came Off – The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales.

In 1906, at Bonvilston, a four-a-side team race between officers of the Glamorgan Imperial Yeomanry and officers of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers resulted in a tie on points.

The going, which was over three miles of fallow and pasture lands, was very heavy and Colonel Lindsay, on *Lois 11* and Lieutenant Sir Francis Price, riding *Penderrin*, made most of the running, with victory eventually going to Colonel Lindsay.

For the third year running Fred Williams took the farmers' race, steering George Thomas' *Tom Tit* to a comfortable win. The heavyweight race entries did not fill

but The Mackintosh's *Mars*, ridden by Dr Moynam, landed the lightweight race.

There was a good finish to the Glamorgan Yeomanry race in which Trooper Treherne's *Gaper 11* finished a length ahead of Trooper Jenkins' *Creeping Jenny*.

In 1908, after a year's absence, the Glamorgan fixture returned with a meeting at Caernarvon, within a mile of the Old Post public house.

Major Edmund's *Caleb* led from start to finish to win the heavyweight race for the second time, having won the event two years previously.

A notable absentee in this race was the mare *Black Fury* who had won in 1903 and 1904. Before the season had started she had sadly dropped dead returning through the village of Gileston after a strenuous day's hunting with the Glamorgan hounds.

The lightweight race

went to Major Gerald Bruce's *Crackers*. Major Bruce was also in good form at the Monmouthshire, held at Triley near Abergavenny, where he won the inter-regimental race on *Bella 111*.

The season ended on a sad note with the death of that Glamorgan stalwart Mr Thackeray, of Glamorgan, who five years earlier had won the lightweight race at the Glamorgan.

Mr Thackeray, who in early life had lost the sight of one eye, may not have been a brilliant horseman but he was a brilliant batsman who scored several centuries for the Glamorgan County Cricket Club during his cricketing career.

*Brian Lee is the author of the best-selling *Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales*, published by St David's Press.

Barrivale Bridge Club

THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on September 18 are as follows:

First: Mark Roderick and Mike Close, 79.69 per cent; second, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones, 57.81; third, Kay Dyer and Sean MacDougall, 54.69.

The handicap winners were Mark Roderick and Mike Close.

New members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced or new

players may attend the following sessions: Friday, 10am at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

If you were unable to make the first session of the new beginners' class (September 21) but have some experience of playing bridge and want to start again you can still join us. You will be taken through the steps of bridge over 15 weeks with support and encouragement on the way.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1: Rhoose Social 6, Cadoxton Cons 9; Moors Boys 3; Liberals 12; West End 7; Wyndham Cons 8.

CRIB DIVISION 2: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 3: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 4: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 5: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 6: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 7: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 8: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 9: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 10: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 11: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 12: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 13: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

CRIB DIVISION 14: Sully Sports A 2, West End A 3; Cadoxton Cons A 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Wyndham Cons D 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Market Street C 3, West End B 2; Services Social B 4, Savoy B 1.

Golf club enjoy Three Clubs and a Putter

IN a week of persistent rain, St Mary's senior section still managed to stage their annual Three Clubs and a Putter stableford competition.

Although not the most popular of events in the section's calendar, 21 hardy souls braved the damp and windy conditions for the event.

Preferred lies on the surprisingly firm fairways were a welcome help, but the wet greens proved particularly challenging with many well struck

putts coming up short.

As in previous years, some excellent scores were recorded, despite the restriction of just three clubs and a putter in the players' bags.

Trevor Evans took third place with a net 32 points and Steve Phillips was placed second with net 35 points.

Following on from his recent hole in one achievement, Roger Hatton claimed the victory with 36 points with a five wood, a six iron and an eight iron in his bag, along with his putter.

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Bridgend Athletic edged out by the Wanderers



ABOVE LEFT: Jacob Lloyd suffered a double fracture of his ankle on Saturday. ABOVE RIGHT: Hooker Nathan Holman breaks to set up a try for Bridgend Athletic. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANON.

GLAMORGAN Wanderers remain the only undefeated team in Division 1 East Central following a narrow 10-8 victory over Bridgend Athletic at the Morganstone Brewery Field.

Last season's Silver Ball winners came into the game heading the table with three bonus point wins and 17 tries in their first three games but were given a tough

game in a very even contest in which each side scored one try each – the conversion of the Wanderers' try defining the result.

Despite the heavy rainfall preceding the game the Morganstone Brewery Field groundsmen can take great credit for a pitch which, although greasy on the surface was mud free and enabled both sides to play running rugby.

The Athletic started brightly and a break from centre Sam

Richards was only just halted short of the Wanderers' line. Then in the seventh minute came a defining and tragic occurrence for both the Athletic and personal for young Ravens outside half Jacob Lloyd, playing on permit with the Athletic to gain senior rugby experience.

He placed a grubber kick behind the Wanderers defence from their 22-metre line. In pursuing the kick, he suffered a double fracture of his ankle,

requiring a 10-minute delay while both the Athletic physio Elaine Roberts and the Wanderers' medical team administered first aid.

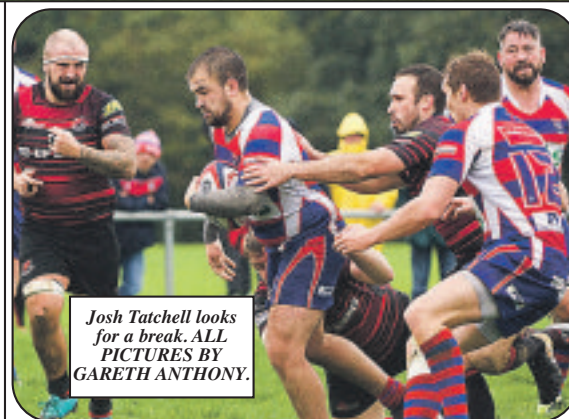
The club wish him all the best and hope the operation required will prove successful and his talents will again be on view following a long rehabilitation.

A reshuffled Athletic backline, with centre Sam Richards moving to outside half, wing Michael Powell moving to centre and replacement Robin Davies going to wing, restarted with an Athletic penalty for a Wanderers offence during the ill-fated

grubber kick, and centre Josh Davies, taking over Jacob's normal kicking duties, slotted the penalty to put the Athletic 3-0 ahead.

After 12 minutes the Athletic were penalised at a ruck and Wanderers outside-half Luke Fish levelled the scores with a penalty. The Wanderers, with a jumbo pack, attempted to impose themselves with driving play but solid defence, with the formidable Athletic back row of Ben Howe, Sean Williams and Tom Davies to the fore, nullified this play.

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Josh Tatchell looks for a break. ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.

Tondy teams beaten by Bonymaen - but youth team earn win

THE weather was the biggest factor in this Division One Central West encounter between Tondy and Bonymaen, with neither team able to find any real consistency.

Bonymaen managed to slot two early penalties through full back Lawrence Thomas, but despite seeing plenty of the ball the home side were unable to break down an astute Bonymaen defence until the stroke of half-time.

They broke down the left from their own half Josh Tatchell to set wing Aled Jones free for a corner try. The half-time scoreline was Tondy 5, Bonymaen 6.

The second period saw Tondy pound at the visitors' line for long periods, but solid defence and handling errors, which were much to do with the weather, saw no change in the scoreline.

Thomas landed a third penalty for the visitors midway through the second half, but even though Tondy kept at it, their try drought continued and Bonymaen held on for a narrow but deserved victory.

Tondy have now lost their last three league outings and will be hoping to put things right on Saturday when Skewen are the visitors at Pandy Park in the WRU Plate competition, kick off 2.30pm.

MIKE SULLY
TONDY seconds welcomed Bonymaen to Pandy Park for their second Ospreys Seconds League fixture of the season having previously beaten a dogged Duvant outfit.

It was the visitors from the West who started the brighter in



Sam Grabham attempts to avoid the attentions of a Bonymaen defender.

monsoon conditions, capitalising on errors in the Tondy defence to secure an attacking scrum five yards out.

The strong Bonymaen eight were held by the resolute Tondy pack but the further impending pressure led to the Bonymaen blindingly crashing over to open the score.

The referee played his part in the first half by penalising Tondy relentlessly for offside and infringement at the break down.

This led to him sinning both wingers Tom Harris and Ashley Nelson within five minutes of each other.

With Tondy down to 13 the pressure ultimately told and from another five metre scrum Bonymaen heaved their way over.

The young Tondy backline were valiant in their efforts to play an expansive game despite the awful weather conditions but squandered a number of opportunities.

They were, however, able to secure three points in the first half from a long distance penalty from the boot of

centre Rory Nicholls.

The second half was played between two evenly-matched teams with the Swansea-based team's experience lending itself to two further penalties from the boot of their outside half, who had controlled the game throughout.

Bonymaen's victory was in the end well deserved but Tondy can take great credit for matching the visitors in all areas.

DAN PARRY
TONDY's youth side are a young group of players this season but they are certainly punching above their weight.

Another fine performance away to Pencoed on Saturday saw them run in three splendid tries, the first of which came from a great finish from Lewis Hawkins, another good attacking effort saw Morgan Williams cross the whitewash and a memorable finish by Steffan Lewis sealed the 17-3 win for this ever improving youth side. Morgan Williams landed one conversion.

MIKE SULLY

Celtic show control to earn victory

MAESTEG Celtic entertained Brynamman on a wet and windy afternoon.

Both sides controlled the ball well and defended with aggression. The Celtic front five of Sean Lambert, Ashley Poole, Damian Phillips, Alex Jones and Peter Kehoe held their own in the tight and gave no quarter in defence.

The back row of Ryan Turner, Jonathan Davies and captain Oliver Petty covered immense ground and took the ball at their opponents consistently.

Half-backs Lee Arthur and Matthew Harris distributed the ball well to centres Kristian Jenkins and Morgan Harris, who covered every move by their opposite numbers. The back three of Scot James, Ryan Lovatt and Geraint Roberts linked well and had some great runs.

Brynamman opened the scoring when they intercepted the ball while Celtic were attacking on their 22 and ran the length of the field for S Edwards to touch down.

After half-hour, Celtic began to exert control which allowed scrum-



Man of the match Peter Kehoe with the ball.

half Lee Arthur to break through the visitors' defences and make ground.

When he was stopped he fed prop Damian Phillips who took the ball on before putting centre Kristian Jenkins clear for a try. Outside half Matthew Harris converted.

Celtic went further ahead when Kristian Jenkins broke through and ran deep into Brynamman territory. Celtic won quick ball from the ensuing ruck and the ball came to second row Alex Jones

who back flicked the ball to man of the match, second row Peter Kehoe who ran down the touchline to score.

Celtic then had a player red carded. The half ended when Matthew Harris kicked a penalty.

The second half was played at high tempo with the Celtic 14 playing with great determination and resisting all attempts by the visitors to score.

Mathew Harris put Celtic further ahead with a drop goal. Celtic substitutes, prop Mark Wilkins, centre Harrison Evans, scrum half Liam Healey and wing Lewis Jenkins made an impact and helped to keep the visitors out.

Celtic attacked the visitors' line during a period of intense pressure and captain Oliver Petty crossed the line but the referee was unsighted and disallowed it.

Harris kicked the ensuing penalty before Brynamman finally broke the Celtic defence to touch down with minutes left on the clock, the final score 21-12.

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Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On September 19: First, Alan Heath and Rob Forman; second, John Beard and Liam Sheridan; third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Alan Heath and Rob Forman.

On September 20: First, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, V. Irene Thomas and Stuart Davies. The winners on handicap were Maggie and Richard Ashpole.

On September 21: First, Irene Thomas and Keith Davison; Second Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; third, Linda Jenkins and Emer Disley. The winners on handicap were Irene Thomas and Keith Davison.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltion church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt

start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltion church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

On Thursdays there is a session starting at 1pm on slightly advanced techniques of bidding and play.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Noltion church hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and it's not too late to join the course – for more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email steve@steveburgoyne.pl.us.com.

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